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## Gas prices Soar SKY HIGH

By KATIE WAHLERT  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Almost everyone who travels has noticed an increase in fuel prices.

Fuel prices have been on the rise since last March and even at a local average of \$1.39 per gallon for unleaded gasoline, analysts say there is little relief in sight. In fact, some predict gas prices could reach as much as \$1.70 per gallon before consumers see a decrease.

According to industry analysts, there are several factors causing the sudden price increases including the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' decision to cut back on production to try to correct prices which had fallen to 12-year lows and because of the low petroleum supply.

The increase in fuel prices is having an effect on businesses and the travel industry.

Jim Shaffer, chief financial officer for the Casey's General Stores said the increase is having a negative affect on business.

"It's very much compressed our gas margins," Shaffer said. "Our profits are the lowest they've been since the Gulf War. When gas prices go up, our profit goes down. There's a lot of pressure on us right now."

Shaffer said he is really looking forward to seeing the gas prices come down so they can make a larger profit.

Small trucking companies and independent owner-operators are being hit hard by the increase, which is forcing some truckers to pull off the road.

Sherry Birkey, vice president of B&M Transportation Inc. in Manson, Iowa, said the price of fuel is too much of a cost.

"We're just barely breaking even,"

Birkey said. "The price is a 24-cent increase from last year, and the mileage is not being compensated for by the companies we haul for."

Birkey and her husband, who has been trucking for 35 years, also operate a farm. She believes that if fuel prices remain this high, small companies will be driven out of business, allowing a monopoly by the large trucking companies.

The United States, which relies heavily on semi-trucks for transportation of commodities, could suffer if truckers decide to strike.

"If all the truckers would stick together and all the farmers would stick together, all the people would starve to death," Birkey said.

Birkey said she would like to see the government release some of the nation's 580 million barrel Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help regulate the prices in the economy which could otherwise lead to inflation.

"I just wish the government would back the people," Birkey said. The increase in gas prices is making people think twice before making a quick trip to the store. As the weather begins to warm, and the prices continue to rise, more people will opt to ride their bikes or use other modes of transportation, said Cathy Barr, travel agent at Cotter Travel.

Barr said airlines are also increasing prices of flights to make up for the fuel prices. All major airlines have added a \$20 per person fuel surcharge which went into affect Feb. 1.

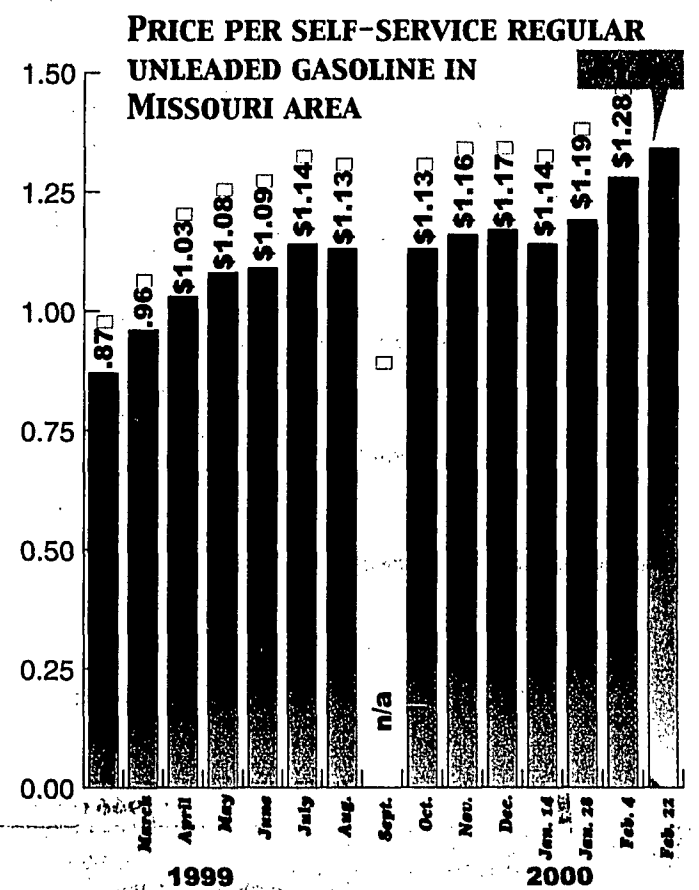
In an attempt to lower gas prices, U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson traveled to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to meet with two OPEC producers Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia agreed that production should be increased in an attempt to lower oil prices. However, Kuwait favors keeping production low resulting in higher profits.

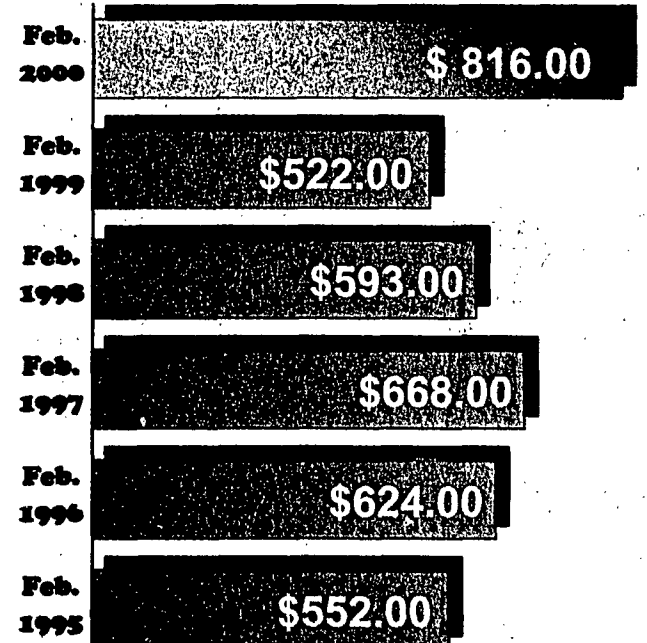
According to Jason White, instructor of economics, the increase in fuel prices is a supply and demand phenomenon.

"As long as there is a restraint the prices will remain high," White said.

OPEC, which is made up of 11 Middle East countries, restricts the oil supply so the prices will rise, White said.



### Annual cost to fuel an average vehicle that uses 600 gallons per year



CHARTS BY CODY SNAPP/ GRAPHICS EDITOR  
SOURCE: KANSAS CITY STAR, SUN., FEB. 20

## University provides self-defense course for students, community

By JOSH FLAHARTY  
MANAGING EDITOR

In 1997, 147 women in Nodaway County called the YWCA hotline in St. Joseph concerning sexual assaults. Of that number, approximately eight were reported to law enforcement.

Statistics like this are largely responsible for the launching of the Rape Aggression Defense course on campus this trimester.

Sgt. Amy Watson, who teaches the course along with Officer Travis Hennegun, said the course has received a positive response so far.

"I think it's going great," Watson said. "I think the first block has been a learning experience for both Travis and I. We've been asking the class for feedback."

Northwest's self-defense course is only the second in the state. The University of Missouri-Columbia has offered a self-defense course since 1974.

Renata Mairino, who has taught the course at MU since its inception, said the course has evolved in the past 26 years. It is now a two credit-hour course titled "Self Defense for Women" taught under the Women's Studies department,

but is open to males as well.

"It's probably one of the most powerful courses on campus," Mairino said. "It's wonderful and sad at the same time because I wish the students had gotten some of this training earlier in life, like around seventh or eighth grade."

Both courses have received a lot of interest from students. The MU courses currently has 60 students enrolled in two sections and the Northwest course has 40 enrolled in two sections.

"I've had a lot of people ask me about it," Watson said. "I know a lot of people that are taking the class now are interested in taking the advanced."

Mairino said her classes are goal oriented and teach anti-intimidation techniques and self-assurance.

"This class has given me more self-confidence and has helped me defend myself better," said Lori White, a freshman enrolled in the course at Northwest.

There is also a sense of group solidarity that comes from these classes, Mairino said.

"There's a great bond that forms when you teach a class like this," she said.

## ABC sponsors fifth annual show, celebrates month

By TODD SHAWLER  
MISSOURIAN NEWS REPORTER

In observance of Black History Month, the Alliance of Black Collegians is sponsoring and looking for contestants to take part in the fifth annual ABC Talent and Fashion Show.

The ABC Talent and Fashion Show is scheduled to take place Friday in the University Conference Center.

The talent portion of the show will feature several different areas of entertainment ranging from singing to other various individual skills.

"Many people either sing or play the piano," Brandi Hughes, president of ABC said. "One year we had a person play the violin, and we have also had people read poetry."

Hughes said about 10 contestants are signed up for the talent show; however, she expects and welcomes others to enter the show before to Friday.

The fashion portion of the show will feature competition among contestants in four categories

including casual, sports, formal and business wear. Hughes said this is just an opportunity for people to have fun showing off their particular favorite styles of clothing.

Along with the fashion show, members of International Student Association and African Friends Association will be modeling clothing for the audience. Hughes said this will be an opportunity for them to show the audience some different styles of clothing, which are popular and common within their particular African heritages.

Judging the show will be members of the Northwest faculty and administration. For those who place first, second or third place, prize money of \$75, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded.

Along with these prizes, assorted prize donations will also be given away to all other contestants taking part in the show.

The annual show will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Center, and a \$3 admission fee will be charged.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY

- Midterm Examinations
- ABC Movie Night
- 7 p.m., Franken Hall Recreation Lounge

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### MONDAY

- Second block begins
- Baseball vs. Minnesota State-Mankato
- 1 p.m., Bearcat Field
- Intramural Table Tennis Entries Close
- Noon, Student Recreation Center
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church
- Al-A-Non
- 6 p.m., Maryville United Methodist Church

### FRIDAY

- Midterm Examinations
- First block ends
- Student Payday
- Softball at University of Central Arkansas Spring Clash
- Conway, Arkansas
- Victoria Kinshella Weaver Exhibit closes
- Colloquium
- 3 p.m., Colden Hall, Room 3500
- ABC's Fifth Annual Fashion/Talent Show
- 7:30 p.m., Conference Center

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### TUESDAY

- Last date to add or enroll in a Second block class
- Baseball vs. Minnesota State-Mankato
- 1 p.m., Bearcat Field
- Narcotics Anonymous
- 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church
- Student Senate Meeting
- 7 p.m., Colden Hall, Room 3500

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### SATURDAY

- Women's basketball vs. Missouri Southern State College
- 1:30 p.m., Bearcat Arena
- Men's basketball vs. Missouri Southern State College
- 7:30 p.m., Bearcat Arena
- Softball at University of Central Arkansas Spring Clash
- Conway, Arkansas
- Overeaters Anonymous
- 9 a.m., Northwest door at St. Francis Hospital
- Kids Day Out
- 1 to 4 p.m., Conference Center, cost \$5.

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### WEDNESDAY

- Last date to drop a Second block class for a refund
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church
- Al-A-Non
- 6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex

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### SUNDAY

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### THURSDAY

- CLEP, GED, & MAT Tests
- "Guys and Dolls"
- 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
- Intramural bowling
- 9 p.m., Bearcat Lanes

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## Movin' In



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Becky Greely (front) and Carol Kaiser (back) work on unpacking the Bearcat Bookstore Monday afternoon. The bookstore which was located in North Complex, is now in its new location in the Student Union. A design team from Barnes and Noble came in and helped the bookstore improve its merchandising.

## NORTHWEST

### Departments sponsor second colloquium

The second of two colloquiums sponsored by the department of communication and theater arts with the departments of computer science/information systems and marketing/management will take place at 3 p.m. Friday in Colden Hall Room 3500.

The colloquium will feature Steven Roberts, a manager at Sprint in Overland Park, Kan., and the president/owner of Accent on Solutions of Kansas City, Mo. He has designed, developed and installed computer programs for more than 2,000 users in 19 states.

Roberts' presentation is titled "The Roles of Electronic and Personal Communication in Management." A reception will take place outside the lecture hall following the presentation.

### Graduate assistantships available at CMU

Students can earn a master's degree in broadcast and cinematic arts while assisting with the department's undergraduate teaching and production activities at Central Michigan University.

Assistantships available for 2000-2001 include teaching laboratory sections of beginning video production; assisting in production of *News Central*, a one-hour nightly newscast; and assisting with sections of history and appreciation of the cinema.

Graduate assistants receive remission of tuition and fees, and a stipend of approximately \$8,000. Assistantships are potentially renewable for a second year.

To apply, send a letter of application addressing qualifications for particular assistantship(s), résumé, transcripts and two letters of recommendation to Dr. Peter B. Orlik, chair, broadcast and cinematic arts department, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., 48859.

### Accounting students offering free tax help

Students, sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and Northwest's Accounting Society, are preparing tax returns free of charge.

After the appropriate forms are submitted to the volunteers, the tax return is completed and reviewed. Then it will undergo a final review by Roger Woods, associate professor of accounting/finance/economics, before it is sent to the IRS. The client will receive a copy of the completed return. The entire process usually takes about one week, Woods said.

The Accounting Society is providing the service to students and residents from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays until April 13 in Colden Hall Room 3350. No appointments are necessary and walk-ins are welcome.

### University plans surplus property auction

Faculty, staff, students and residents will have the opportunity to bid on surplus property at a University sponsored service auction.

Items include, but are not limited to computer equipment, notebook computers, office equipment, electronic equipment, metal scientific cabinets, scientific equipment, overhead projectors, desks, copy machines, file cabinets, office chairs, tablet arm chairs, glass bottles and jars, popcorn popper, kitchen counter cooler, pole vault standards, shower stall, an aerator fountain, doors, carpet, tires, cattle panels, hog panels, slotted swine flooring, scrap metal, semi-tractor and much more.

The auction will be at 9 a.m. March 7 at the Support Services Building Warehouse on West Ninth Street.

### Upward Bound to honor four TRIO participants

Northwest's Upward Bound, Student Support Services and the Upward Bound Math/Science Re-

gional Center will celebrate National TRIO Day Saturday, by honoring four individuals.

The honorees are Karen Hixon, Melissa Farley, Tammy Davis and Jessie Courtier. The celebration will take place from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the University Conference Center.

Northwest TRIO programs assist students who come from first-generation college or lower socioeconomic families.

### Disney World program to conduct interviews

A meeting for students interested in earning internship credit by working for Walt Disney World will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in Colden Hall Room 3600.

The meeting will help prepare students for the interview process which will take place March 6 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The Walt Disney World College Program offers students the opportunity to discover the management techniques of one of the most successful companies in the world.

Program participants will have the ability to learn from some of the top managers in the leisure industry, learn and live the Disney way.

For more information, call Danielle Saunders at 582-3575 or visit their website at [www.wdwclegeprogram.com](http://www.wdwclegeprogram.com).

### Senate discusses elections, changes bylaws

In its meeting Tuesday, Student Senate discussed upcoming elections for next semester.

Elections will take place the first week of April.

An elections board is being compiled and letters of interest for members of the board are being accepted at the Student Senate office.

Additionally at the meeting, Student Senate voted to change a section of its bylaws.

The change included the dismissal of vice president title of committee leaders and chairper-

son will take its place. The change was made because some of the senators' titles were the same as university administrators. Senate expects the change will decrease future confusion with titles.

## MARYVILLE

### Seminary offers chance to explore priesthood

Young men considering a vocation to the priesthood are invited to attend Encounter With God's Call, a weekend-long discernment opportunity.

Participants will meet seminarians and get a glimpse of seminary life. The seminarians will share their own experiences with God's call, along with their joys and fears.

The weekend schedule will include prayer with the seminarians and the monks of Conception Abbey, recreation and various presentations by seminarians.

Encounter With God's Call will be March 4 through 6 at Conception Abbey. There is no cost or obligation for attending.

Those interested in attending, or in need of more information, can contact Keith Jiron at (660) 944-2886, or e-mail him at [vocations@conception.edu](mailto:vocations@conception.edu).

### Community Theater auditions in March

The Nodaway Community Theater Company is sponsoring the children's musical, "Into the Woods, Junior." The date is tentatively set for May 5, 6 and 7 in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Nina Dewhirst, president of the theater company said the dates are tentatively set because at this time the company is not sure whether the musical will be a two- or three-day run.

"Into the Woods, Junior" is a specialized version of "Into the Woods" for children. The plot consists of a combination of fairy tales. Many interrelated stories,

such as "Cinderella," "Jack and the Beanstalk," and the "Wicked Witch," are combined to make one unique story. Dewhirst said the fun and exciting back-drop is one of the main points that makes this musical so great for children.

There are 22 lead roles open for students in grades second to eighth. Dewhirst said 80 students tried out last year and the company was unable to give everyone a part. This year more roles will be added depending on the number who try out. Auditions are scheduled for March 5 and 6.

"It is fun and exciting to have another show this year and we encourage students from around the area to audition," Dewhirst said. "This performance is not just for the Maryville community, but the areas surrounding it as well."

The company has put on a children's show every year since it was founded in 1990. Many of the same individuals who have helped in past years will be assisting again on this year's performance. Lisa Lawrence will be the musical director, Alice Vandiver will be choreographing the dance numbers along with Dewhirst directing.

Any student who is interested in auditioning should call Nina Dewhirst at 582-8916.

### Kids Day Out to take place, raise funds

The 2000 Greek Week Committee is sponsoring a Kids Day Out from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday for children 8 to 12 years old at the University Conference Center.

Activities will include face painting, games, snacks and more. Northwest football players will be there to sign autographs. Parents may stay or take time to themselves.

The cost is \$5. The money raised will go toward the Habitat for Humanity in Maryville. Donations will also be accepted.

## REGIONAL

### Donation to Red Cross used for disaster relief

St. Joseph has a new role in national disaster relief.

Hillyard Companies has donated 20,000 square feet of warehouse space to The American Red Cross to open a Disaster Field Supply Center in St. Joseph.

The warehouse will have supplies needed to help people immediately after a disaster. Volunteers of the Midland Chapter of the Red Cross will be operating the warehouse.

The Disaster Field Supply Center will house approximately six semi-loads of supplies and the first shipments are expected in the next few weeks. Community volunteers are needed to help load semi-trucks.

The National Red Cross purchases the supplies to be stand-by in the warehouse, which includes more than 20 items such as cots, blankets, clean-up kits for homes, personal hygiene kits and serving and preparation supplies for feeding large numbers of people. A volunteer management team will coordinate the warehouse.

The supplies are on pallets so volunteers are needed who can move supplies with hand pallet jacks, and a limited number of volunteers are needed that are trained to operate forklifts.

To volunteer, contact Linda Starks, volunteer coordinator of the Red Cross Chapter, at (816) 232-8439.

# Kids Day Out

Hey parents of kids ages 8-12, bring your children to the Northwest Conference Center on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 1-4 p.m. for some Games, Snacks, Football Players, Autographs, Face Painting and more and give yourself some time to relax.

The \$5 cost will be used to support

Habitat for Humanity

Donations are welcome and parents may stay

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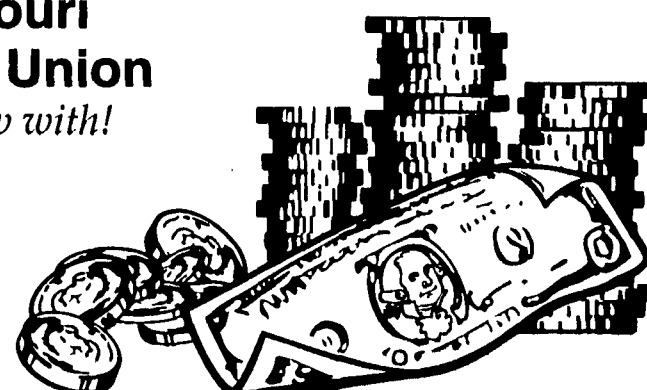
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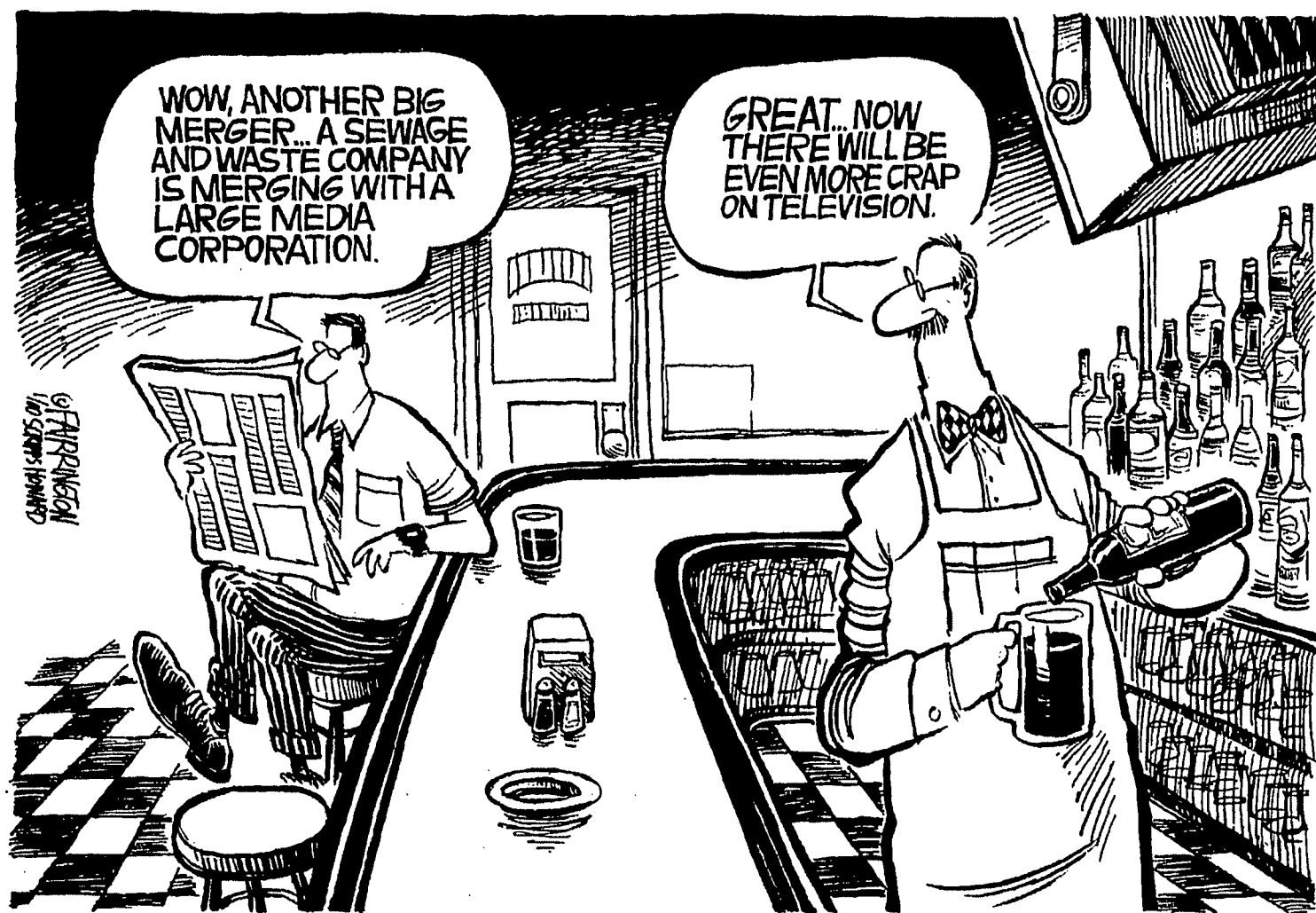
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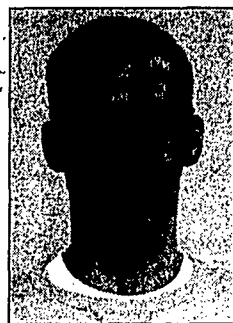
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## MY VIEW

# Bell Tower falls into disrepair



**JOSH FLAHARTY**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Has anyone looked at the Bell Tower lately? I mean, has anyone really taken a good look?

The Bell Tower, which was so adamantly opposed when it was built in the early '70s but still managed to become a symbol of this great University and a focal point of the campus, is falling apart.

For those of you who have not given the Bell Tower more than a passing glance as you rush to your classes, let me paint you a picture.

The speakers, which once sounded every hour on the hour and tolled Christmas music during the holiday season, now are silent, just one sign of the dilapidated condition.

The once pristine white paint is now chipping and peeling off in several places. Rust has stained the paint where the metal supports meet the surface.

The bottom corner of one of the columns is crumbling and appears as if it is ready to fall off. There are pits in the concrete columns that detract from the overall majestic appearance of the structure.

And then you look below the structure. The brick work surrounding the base of the Bell Tower is crumbling in areas. The concrete platform is spiderwebbed with cracks. The stairs leading up to the platform are cracked and sunken.

At the center of the base lies the seal of the University, which has also begun to deteriorate. I am willing to bet that not too many students realize we attend Northwest Missouri State "Co—ege."

If you ask me, this is disgraceful and completely unacceptable, for a structure built with money donated in the memory of teachers, students and other friends of the University to be in such pathetic condition is appalling.

Take, for instance, Frederick Parcher. He was a 1914 Northwest graduate who donated to the project in the memory of his grandfather, Capt. Lyman Parcher, the Missouri senator who, in 1887, proposed the bill for a state normal school in Maryville.

I challenge the Administration to do something to rectify this situation, to restore the dignity to this once-proud structure.

While interviewing Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services, for an article I wrote earlier this trimester, I found out Northwest is currently holding on to a surplus of approximately \$400,000 which must be used for capital improvements.

I ask you, University President Dean Hubbard, would a project to repair the Bell Tower fall under that category? Can we spare some of that \$400,000 to renew such a valued piece of our beloved campus?

Or are we going to let it degrade until it topples over of its own accord?

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## YOUR VIEW

*Do you think that people should be able to use their cellular phones while driving? Why or why not?*



"I'm all for it, because I want to be able to."

**Gary Parshall**  
Clearmont resident



"I think that if they have a speaker, yeah. Because a majority of them now have a little speaker."

**Shenaz Abreo**  
Political Science major



"In busy traffic no. It takes your concentration off of driving."

**Julie Koop**  
Fairfax resident



"Yeah, if they have a plug-in headset where you just put it on to hear."

**Nick Kohlleppe**  
Maryville resident



"I think that they should be able to. In my car you just hit a button on the steering wheel and you can talk hands-free. I don't think everyone should be using hand-helds exactly, but if they are integrated into the car they're fine."

**Brent Woodburn**  
ARAMARK employee

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## OUR VIEW

# Fighting back

*Self-defense class offers the chance to gain confidence, skills*

A woman walking to her car late one night is attacked by an unseen assailant. But unlike most women in this situation, she defends herself and avoids becoming a victim of sexual assault.

This is the type of situation that Northwest's new Rape Aggression Defense class is trying to create.

After 1997 statistics showed that 138 women in Nodaway County called the St. Joseph sexual assault hotline, it was determined that some sort of self-defense course was necessary.

The *Missourian* applauds the development of this course and the 40 people who have chosen to take part in it to learn how to defend themselves.

In today's society, with all the violence that occurs, the RAD program and its members are role models to children by showing them it is possible to resolve conflicts without the use of weapons.

We also admire the students for the conscious decision they have made to avoid becoming victims by being prepared. With a woman being raped every two minutes in America, it is comforting to know that people are out there knowing how to defend themselves in the event a violent assault occurs.

Rather than carrying guns and putting themselves and others at risk, these students are actively seeking the knowledge that will keep them safe.

The practical knowledge and self-confidence gained through this type of course will benefit the participants for the rest of their lives.

**YOUR VIEW...**  
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## GUEST COLUMNIST

### Provost clarifies Academic Profile results



**TIM GILMOUR**  
PROVOST

I was pleased to see the article on the front page of the Feb. 10 edition of *The Missourian*, covering student test results on the Academic Profile, a measure of general education ability. The performance of our students on this and other valid standardized examinations is an important issue to our community and deserves regular coverage. Through such coverage we can all learn more about our examination program, how we are performing, and the importance of the program to our students and the University. This said, I would like to offer, with respect, a few clarifications to the points made in the article.

First, the article states that 49 percent of the students taking the Academic Profile in the fall of 1999 scored at or above the national 50th percentile rank, a performance measure we and the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education track. Unfortunately, this statement is not correct. Actually, this is the cumulative percentage for students who graduated with baccalaureate degrees in summer '98, fall '98, and spring '99. It should be stressed that these students all had taken the test at least one trimester prior to their graduation, and in many cases, a year or more prior to that time.

Second, performance on this test has been improving since fall of '98. Trend data show a decline in results from fall of '94 (49 percent performing above 50th percentile) to the spring of '98 (39.6 percent). At that time, changes to the process for administering the Academic Profile were made that led to dramatic improvements. In the fall of '98, 45.5 percent of our students scored above the 50th percentile; in the spring of '99, 54.0 percent exceeded that level, and in the fall of 1999, 56.8% of our students surpassed it. This represents a remarkable turnaround that merits celebration on campus.

Third, what accounts for the turnaround? Several things were mentioned in the article, but bear repetition. Two years ago when we began providing results to academic departments, showing how their majors performed on this general education measure, the faculty were disappointed with the poor performance of many of their students. The overwhelming feeling was that these results did not reflect the students' true ability. So, several steps were taken to try to get a more accurate reading of student ability.

Faculty requested lists of students who would be taking the Academic Profile each trimester so that they could contact these people before the testing sessions to emphasize the importance of taking the experience seriously.

Faculty also asked that the scores of their majors be reported to their departments as soon as they became available. In a few instances, students were asked to re-take the test.

Many departments established special testing times for their majors so they could stress the importance of the test to their majors as a group. As a result, we believe the results we are now seeing represent a more accurate indication of our students' ability.

The article also mentioned a pilot lottery program we started in the fall of '99. In the lottery, we place the names of all students who score at or above the 50th percentile rank during a trimester into a lottery pool, and then randomly select one person to receive a scholarship equivalent to 15 credits of undergraduate, in-state tuition. This pilot is being done again this spring. Its impact on student performance will be evaluated over the summer.

I want to thank *The Missourian* again for its article on this important issue. I urge that this coverage continue. I also hope these clarifications provide the University community with a more accurate (and brighter) picture of the performance of Northwest students on standardized tests. It is the faculty's interest in motivating their students to take this experience seriously, suggestions from faculty leaders for improving this process, and the resulting student responsiveness that have made the difference. Let me close by thanking all of the faculty and students who worked to make this turnaround in student performance on the Academic Profile a reality.

**TIM GILMOUR**  
PROVOST

## CORRECTION

Due to a photographer's error, the person in the Curves' photo was incorrectly identified as Polly Parson in the Feb. 17 issue. *The Northwest Missourian* regrets the error.



## Revisions made to core requirement proposal

By DEBBIE BACON  
NEWS EDITOR

A proposal which would require all Missouri institutions to create a general education core for undergraduates has undergone some revisions.

Last October, approximately 500 faculty members from 64 Missouri colleges met to give the Coordinating Board of Higher Education and the General Education Steering Committee, a subcommittee of the Committee on Transfer and Articulation, input on its proposal.

The proposal was formulated after two years of meetings and originally called for a general education core of 45 credit

hours, but has been reduced to 42.

Fred Jantzow, co-chair of the General Education Steering Committee and dean of the school of university studies at Southeast Missouri State University, said the idea of developing a core involved a complex set of causative factors.

A history of concerns by students, parents and legislators exists in instances when students have lost credit and were forced to take another gen. ed. class after transferring to another institution.

Another voice of concern came from institutions with the increase in students transferring.

"There is a lot of transferring in the state of Missouri and there is certainly

more within the urban areas," Jantzow said. He said some students even attend two institutions simultaneously.

"There has been a lot of work done," Jantzow said. "A lot of institutions have dramatically revised their policies."

Jantzow said it was time for Missouri to re-evaluate their policy as well.

Provost Tim Gilmour serves as a representative of Northwest at the meeting with the CBHE and the GESC.

Gilmour said the proposal would not decrease the gen. ed. requirements for students attending Northwest but would be helpful for someone transferring in or out of the University. The plan would only affect students transferring anywhere

within the state of Missouri.

If passed, this proposal would require institutions to accept a student's gen. ed. core without making them take additional undergraduate classes upon transferring, Gilmour said.

He said even if a student is transferring into Northwest from a two-year institution and does not have an associate degree in arts, they will not have to take additional gen. ed. classes as long as the student has completed the gen. ed. core.

"I think this represents a breakthrough on the part of community colleges," Gilmour said.

Gilmour said the University is enthusiastic about the proposed core.

"We feel in a number of ways, this new approach focuses more on students," he said. "It presents a coherent body of thought about what gen. eds. ought to achieve. We all know this requires all of us to think about how we access general education. We're several steps ahead of where we were."

Jantzow, who is co-chair with Don Doucette, vice chancellor for education and technology of Kansas City Metropolitan Community College, said the original proposal went through a lot of deliberation.

Jantzow said he is expecting a policy to be formulated in June, and to be implemented within two years.

## Local jewelry store begins fifth generation of business

### Business Week

By SARA SITZMAN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A long line of family tradition is being continued with a local jewelry store owner, who is a third generation jeweler.

Tim Creviston is the owner of Creviston & Son Jewelry, which opened in Maryville in July 1999. Creviston's grandfather, Jeff Creviston Sr., started the business in St. Joseph in 1908.

The business started as a wholesale jewelry store, meaning it was contracted to work on the jewelry other stores sold. Tim first began working at the jewelry store when he was 12 years old.

"I enjoy the bench work of jewelry the most," he said.

The business was passed on to him from his father,

Jeff Creviston Jr., and Creviston's uncle, James Creviston. Today Tim is partners and co-owners with Jim Datherage and Craig Obermier, his two cousins, who take care of the store in St. Joseph. Meanwhile Tim maintains the store in Maryville.

Datherage is the fourth generation of jeweler. His son, Kyle Datherage, recently began working at the store, making way for a fifth generation.

Creviston & Son Jewelry continues repairing jewelry and, unlike chain jewelry stores, Creviston does service on the jewelry he sells.

Creviston said diamond engagement rings are one of the more popular pieces of jewelry he sells, along with wedding sets and remounting jewelry.

Creviston said he will continue taking care of customers and he hopes to expand all parts of the jewelry trade. Creviston & Son Jewelry is located at 119 W. Third St. in Maryville



PHOTO BY KATY GRABER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Carolyn Sadler keeps busy at Creviston Jewelry on Monday afternoon. The shop has been open in Maryville since July 1999.

## Students to compete during junior high Science Olympiad

By MARK HORNICKEL  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Science will be on the minds of area junior high school students during a science competition at Northwest Saturday.

Students, grades six through nine, will be competing throughout the Northwest campus in the Regional Junior High School Science Olympiad.

"It runs the whole gamut," regional director Sue Frucht said. "You've got some students who only do it because it's a school field trip and you've got others who are really, really interested in science. It's not just a paper test."

There are active events, where in some cases things are built at home or they're built here from scratch. It's very active and a lot of fun."

Individual students, competing in a variety of events, can win first, second or third-place prizes. In addition there is a team sweepstakes that will be awarded.

One of the events is the Battery Buggy, where teams will design and build battery powered vehicles to transverse a course. Another event is Bottle Rocket, where participants will design, construct and test one or two rockets made from a 2 liter and a 1 liter plastic pop bottle. Then the bottle rocket must remain aloft for a maximum period of time.

Other events include building bridges, physical science exercises and biology.

There is also an event, called Science Crime Busters, where participants will implement chemistry skills to test liquids, solids and other materials in a crime scenario.

If the participants do well, they may qualify for the state competition and eventually the national level.

Students who take part in the competition come from throughout northwest Missouri and as far away as Kansas City, Mo., Frucht said. Seven teams will be competing in the Olympiad, which will last until about 3 p.m.

### SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



## Cycling for a Cause

By Megan Tady, chief reporter

He tells himself to stay focused. The towering hill ahead demands it.

His muscles throb, begging him to stop. His sweaty palms grip the handlebars, steering him up inch by agonizing inch. In one hour, he bicycles one mile.

A car of gawking people drives slowly past, all of them watching curiously.

"Oh, that happens all the time," David Michael Anthony said, and shrugs, not fully aware of how odd he looks.

Attached to Anthony's bike is an Olympic Training Sled-Bicycle Cart weighing over 1,000 pounds. A sign adorning the cart boasts that this is the ride of the millennium.

Not only is Anthony training for the 2000 Olympic Games, he is raising money for disaster victims and the hungry across the nation. The "Millennium Pledge Ride Against U.S. Hunger," which began Feb. 14, 1998, had Anthony riding through Rockport on Saturday in an effort to reach the Olympic trials on May 18.

The ride benefits World Hunger Year, National Emergency Hunger LifeLine and more than 300 other hunger organizations and food banks across the United States. Anthony is gathering pledges from the Web, where supporters can "ride along with David" through journal entries and photographs.

"I didn't wake up one morning and decide I wanted to do this," Anthony, an engineer from New Port Beach, Calif., said. "I just realized that pulling weight is a way to make me stronger. And then I thought I could use this to help others too."

Pulling out a tattered map, he pointed to where his ride has taken him. He has cycled the perimeter of the United States, to the top of Independence Pass in Colorado and through 40 states, among other

places. He is also in the Guinness Book of World Records for hauling the most weight over the continental divide on a bicycle.

"Before I set out to do this, I knew it would be hard," Anthony said.

His cart is equipped with a tent, rain gear and 100 pounds of tuna, which comprises most of his meals.

Pouring rain, bitter cold, wind and sweltering heat are all to common for Anthony, who rides anywhere from 20 to 100 miles a day, depending on the conditions.

"I'm pulling this (cart) and I'll be thinking, 'Man, my legs hurt so bad,'" he said. "And it's raining or snowing and I'm so cold. I have to stop and change my gloves because they are soaked. Then I will be lying in my tent at night in so much pain. But it makes you that much tougher."

Anthony is often questioned about why he rides in such drastic conditions.

"People have asked me, 'Why did you bike up to Alaska in the middle of winter?'" he said. "I just want to get that mental and physical edge."

It is this edge that Anthony feels will help him in the Olympic trials in May.

"In a road race, fatigue isn't the biggest factor," Anthony said. "It is the mind that makes you want to quit. So the only way I can lose is if my heart explodes."

Thinking about the long, isolated road ahead, Anthony talks about what inspires him.

"It is just my desire in God and my desire in everything," he said.

Knowing that his ride is helping so many other people also keeps him going.

"It is empowering," he said.

"It is just so empowering." And then he coasts down the hill he just defeated.



PHOTO BY MEGAN TADY/CHIEF REPORTER  
David Michael Anthony rides through Rockport on Saturday. Anthony is riding to raise money to combat U.S. Hunger and to help him train for the upcoming Olympic Tryouts.

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# Northwest student wins trip to Orlando

By DEBBIE BACON  
NEWS EDITOR

A Northwest student is busy planning a trip to Orlando after success in Channel 97.7's Cardboard Box Race last weekend at Mt. Crescent Ski Area in Crescent, Iowa.

Andy Mackey, sophomore molecular biology major, realized the value of just fractions of a second after crossing the finishing line with the fastest time in 6.78 seconds.

Mackey won \$1,000 and a trip for two to Orlando.

He said he heard the event promoted on Channel 97.7 FM, out of Omaha for nearly five weeks, and it was something he took interest in right away.

Mackey and two of his friends, freshmen Adam Otte and Nick Glasnapp, constructed a racing device, but Mackey said once they arrived at the contest, they began to have doubts about its quality.

"We were so embarrassed," Mackey said. "We got there and thought, 'we're out of our league.'"

He described the other boxes as having intricate designs and gave the example of one box made to look like the Titanic.

Mackey said his friends were ready to go home until they were

interviewed live on air. He said it was a turning point for them.

"At that point I realized our luck had turned around," Mackey said.

All three began their climb to the top of the hill, still unsure of how they were going to win the race.

Along the hike, Mackey said he noticed a man with a better cardboard box made into the shape of a board.

Mackey offered the man \$100 for the use of it. He said the man was reluctant at first, but he was able to convince the man that since he would not win the \$1,000 or the trip, \$100 would be better than nothing at all.

With a different board and a new look of tights, a Spoofoound jersey and a green swimming cap, Mackey began to gain confidence.

The racer before him had a time of 6.95 seconds which he was determined to beat.

"I kept saying, 'you've gotta find a way, you've gotta make it happen,'" Mackey said.

After crossing the finish line, Mackey realized he had just gotten the fastest time of the day. He said people got upset and began to throw snowballs at him.

Mackey and his friends did not let the snowball incident get them

down, instead they began making plans for Orlando.

Since the trip only covers the expenses for two people, Mackey said he plans to use the \$1,000 towards the fees of the third party.

Mackey will be taking Otte and Glasnapp with him.

Channel 97.7 is covering round trip airfare for two and hotel accommodations for four days and three nights. The men are also given unlimited admission to Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom Park.

Mackey said they will be utilizing the passes, but he also anticipates they will be spending a great amount of time on the beach catching sun. The men currently plan to take the trip during the second week of May.

Trisha Hume, promotions director for KQCH-FM, Channel 97.7, said more than 350 racers were present Feb. 19, and 800 to 900 people were in attendance for the entire event.

Hume said there was an additional contest for the best decorated cardboard box, in which the winner received \$500.

"We never expected to have that many people in attendance," Hume said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDY MACKEY

Sophomore Andy Mackey and freshman Nick Glasnapp celebrate after winning Omaha Channel 97.7's first Cardboard Box Race. The prize was an all-expenses paid trip for two to Orlando, Fla. and \$1,000. More than 350 racers took part in the event on Feb. 19.

## Mock interviews help students

By KEVIN KING  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Graduation is nearly two months away, and for many students, this is the time to look for a job.

Many students had a chance to brush up on their interviewing skills during Mock Interviews Tuesday. The office of Career Services set up the day of interviews to give students a chance to test the waters. Employers throughout the region came to get a first hand look at some of this spring's promising graduates.

Tyler Malins, a graduate assistant with Career Services, said participating in mock interviews is an excellent way students can test their interviewing skills.

"It's an opportunity to interview in a real-life setting, without real-life consequences," Malins said. "Students can get an idea of their strengths and weaknesses, and find out what things they need to work on."

While employers were given some possible questions to ask during the interview, many treated it like they would during an actual interview.

"I gave the same interview as I would in the real thing," Doug Henry of the Brookfield School District said. "I don't think I was brutal, but honest, and I tried to be encouraging."

Many had certain things they look for in people they interview.

"I look for poise, maturity and common sense," Mike Adkins of Albany High School said. "I want a team player, someone I think can get along with my staff."

While the interview is mainly for practice, Malins said there is always the possibility to make a good impression with an employer.

# Adoptions down

## Pets in need of homes

A pack of black dogs and Austrian shepherd dogs look out through their cage bars at the New Nodaway Humane Society. The NNHS is currently taking care of 40 dogs. Dogs are kept in pens inside of the building, and because of a lack of room, they are also kept in a fenced-in area outside with dog houses.



By DEBBIE BACON  
NEWS EDITOR

A slow season for pet adoption has the New Nodaway Humane Society at its maximum capacity.

RuthAnne Collins, vice president of the NNHS said spring and summer are the slowest times of the year.

Collins said the NNHS has started to run ads in local newspapers again. Additionally, Wal-Mart has been taking pictures of pets available for adoption to hang in its store.

Other than that, Collins said they are relying on word of mouth. Collins said the NNHS is in need of someone to volunteer his or her time to take photos of available pets for adoption.

Shelter Supervisor Cathy Auffert said the shelter is housing 40 dogs and eight cats.

"If we get any fuller, we're going to have to stack them," Barb Fleetwood, animal control officer said.

Auffert said it costs \$40 to adopt a male cat or dog and \$50 to adopt a female cat or dog.

Ten dollars of the adoption fee goes toward shots and worming, and \$30 is for the male to be neutered and \$40 covers the spaying of the female.

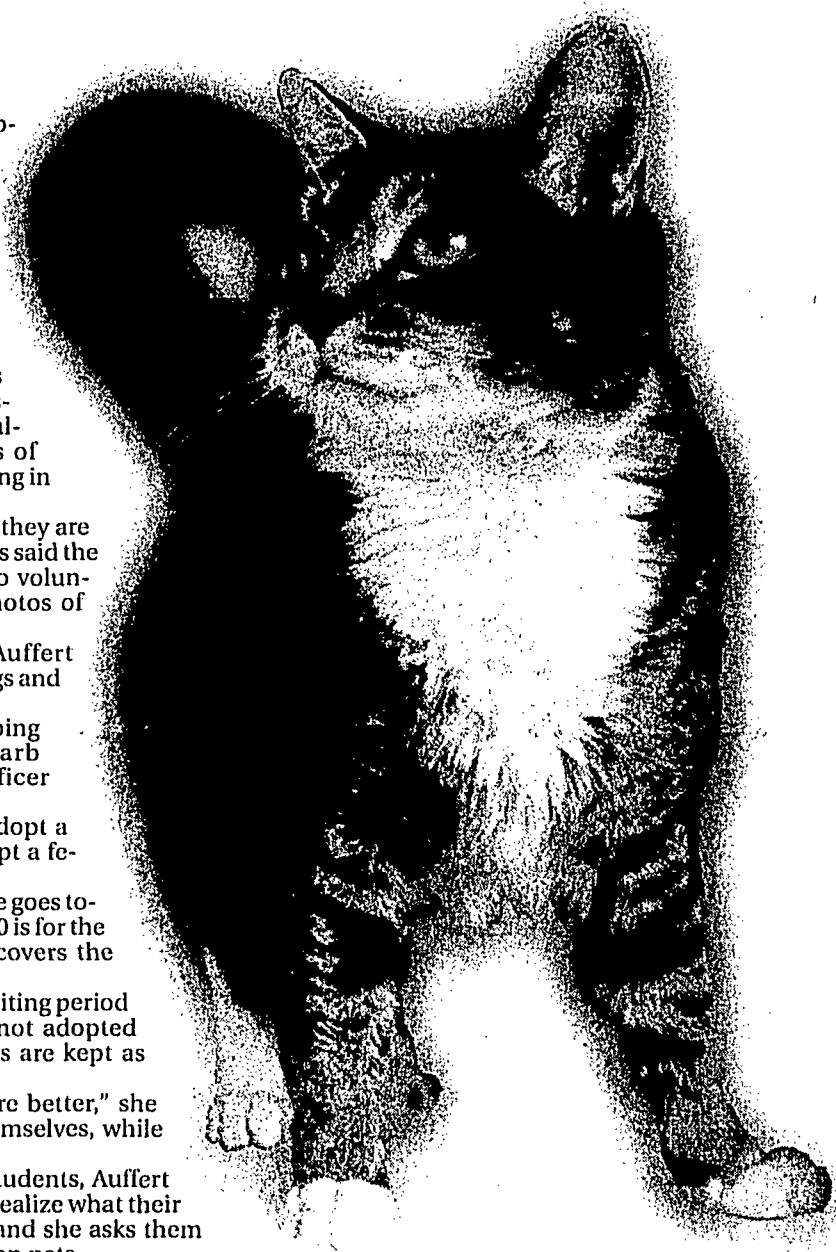
She said there is a five-day waiting period to adopt a pet. If animals are not adopted right away, Auffert said animals are kept as long as possible.

"For college students cats are better," she said. "They can take care of themselves, while dogs need more attention."

When dealing with college students, Auffert said she tries to make sure they realize what their responsibilities will consist of, and she asks them to check their landlord's policy on pets.

"If they have to return it, we want them to return it here," Auffert said.

Collins, Auffert and Fleetwood all agreed residents need to have their pets spayed or neutered whether it was adopted through the NNHS or not. The NNHS is located at 3613 E. First Street.



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ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

One of the domestic cats at the New Nodaway Humane Society has been at the shelter for one week. One of the cats at the shelter has called the Humane Society home for three months because most people looking for felines want kittens.



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## Program provides additional feedback

By DEBBIE BACON  
NEWS EDITOR

A new program has been implemented by University President Dean Hubbard to capitalize on the themes formulated at the Strategic Planning Retreat Jan. 29.

The first "Eggs and Issues" meeting, which took place during breakfast Feb. 4, examined the following themes: financial flexibility, teacher preparation, developing an Internet strategy, faculty and staff development, diversity and the centennial of the University, which will be in 2005.

While the group was encouraged to place additional themes on the list that they believed were necessary in moving into the next phase of Mission Enhancement, Hubbard said no additions were made.

Hubbard said University interaction with high schools and middle schools was a key issue examined by the group.

The group was comprised of 20 individuals, including people from Student Senate, Faculty Senate, Support Staff Council and Student Administrative Services. Hubbard said a different group will be invited each week.

"I thought it was terrific," Hubbard said. "There were lots of good ideas."

Hubbard said "Eggs and Issues" will continue into the trimester, but he is not sure exactly how long it will last.

"We'll continue as long as there is an interest in it," Hubbard said.

However, Hubbard said the talks will have to stop at some point so the information obtained from the gatherings can be formulated into a proposal by the Strategic Planning Council and the Baldrige Category Chairs.

Hubbard said he was pleased with the response he has received from the sessions.

"I think people appreciated it," Hubbard said. "I got a lot of feedback."

Personal suggestions to be passed on to Strategic Planning Council and the Baldrige Category Chairs can be sent by e-mailing Annette Weymuth, executive assistant to the president, at WEYMUTH@mail.nwmissouri.edu by March 30.

"Eggs and Issues" is held from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Fridays in the Shared Conference Room on the second floor of the Administration Building.



First graders Danny Steiner and Blair Carpenter act out their parts as astronauts during the "First Level Space Play" Monday night at Horace Mann Lab School. The play incorporated science, reading, language arts, social studies and music.

PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

## Play concludes study, students take stage

By TODD SHAWLER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

First graders at Horace Mann Lab School launched their own version of the "First Level Space Play" Monday, as a finale to their eight-week study focused on the theme of space.

Jo Ann Marion, first grade teacher at Horace Mann, instructed the group of 16 students about space throughout the eight-week learning block until the finalization of the play.

Before the play, the class spent approximately three weeks studying many of the aspects associated with space including the planets, astronauts, the moon, stars, asteroids and the processes of space travel.

After the students learned some initial information about space, the students had the task of writing a play themselves.

Marion said she made the point of incorporating science, social studies, music, reading and language arts within the play. Related to the reading and language, students were first required to come up with a main idea for the play, characters and a plot. Songs were performed throughout the play to cover the music requirement.

For the plot, Marion's students

agreed that two of their classmates should be sent on a space mission. After being launched into space, the astronauts returned to Earth, telling everyone what really happens in space.

The cast of the play included many different characters such as astronauts, mission control workers and even the planets of the solar system, which the students learned the names and position of during their studies.

The costumes for the characters and the design of the play's set were also the work of Marion's students. The students used their creativity to make astronaut's space helmets, a spaceship and planet costumes worn by numerous students. As for the astronaut's space suits, Energizer of Maryville donated white disposable factory suits for the class to use.

Marion said during the time the class had to study the different aspects of space travel and write the play, the students were very interested and enthusiastic about the subject and wanted to learn all they possibly could about it.

"They would go home at night and see what there was on television about space," Marion said. "Sometimes I wondered if they knew more about it than I did."

## Carnival raises awareness for juvenile diabetes

By MEGAN TADY  
CHIEF REPORTER

A carnival was held to gain awareness for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation at Hy-Vee Sunday.

The event, which took place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., was a project for a public relations case class. Booths specializing in certain events, including a ring toss and a raffle, were set up throughout the supermarket. All proceeds made from the booths went to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

"I'm just hoping to bring awareness and to raise some money," Sara Goudy, team leader of the project, said. "We want to show how many people it affects, the importance of eating right and the warning signs."

Some volunteers had other reasons for supporting the carnival.

"My dad has diabetes, so it hits close to home," Heather Kohtz said. "It is a pretty serious thing."

Others donated their time because of the significance of the cause.

"It is just a really good cause," Chad Ackerman said. "There are a lot of other things I could be doing on a Saturday afternoon. But I am spending my time up here."

*"We want to show... the importance of eating right and the warning signs."*

SARA GOUDY  
TEAM LEADER



PHOTO BY KATY GRABER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Taylor Giesken tosses a ring around the Coke bottle with the help of her mother, Amy Giesken. With a donation of one dollar, Taylor was given three tries at winning a Hy-Vee movie gift certificate. The carnival which was held at Hy-Vee on Sunday, was to gain awareness for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

## Feb. 15

■ Rural fire units responded to a grass fire west of Maryville on Missouri Highway 46 and Hallmark Road. The fire was brought under control, and no other action was taken.

■ A Maryville officer served a Maryville Municipal Warrant on Travis J. Casteel, 27, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville officer served a Maryville Municipal Warrant on Eric R. Eilers, 19, Peculiar, for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ Kristin M. Anderson, 20, Maryville, was northbound on North Buchanan Street, and Kristi Hamilton, 20, Maryville, was eastbound on West Sixth Street. While stopped at the intersection, Hamilton did not see Anderson approach and proceeded into the intersection. Hamilton was struck by Anderson. A citation was issued to Hamilton.

■ Rural fire units responded to a grass fire at U.S. Highway 71 and Three-hundredth Street. The cause of the fire was a controlled burn that got out of control.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that railroad spikes had been stolen from her yard in the 700 block of West Second Street.

## Feb. 16

■ A Maryville officer received a report of larceny in the 1500 block of South Munn Street. Daryl J. Wilmes, 17, Maryville and Joshua D. Gilbert, 17, Maryville were issued summons for larceny.

■ A Maryville male reported that a business in the 1500 block of South Munn Street had been broken into. The cost of repairs was estimated at \$32.

■ A Maryville male reported that his son had been assaulted by another male juvenile in the 500 block of West South Hills Drive.

## Feb. 17

■ While on patrol in the 300 block of North Walnut Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle without a valid front plate. The driver was identified as David M. Tyner, 30, Maryville, and while talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for improper registration.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that her cell phone had been lost or stolen.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Union Star male that a business in the 100 block of North Main Street had been vandalized.

■ A Maryville officer received a report that a Maryville juvenile had threatened a Maryville male. The juvenile was referred to the juvenile office.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that her cell phone had been stolen from her car while parked in the 400 block of North Walnut Street.

## Feb. 19

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had stolen some money out of her purse at a business in the 200 block of West Fourth Street.

■ A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had been assaulted at her residence in the 1100 block of North College Drive.

## SHERIFF

## Feb. 13

■ Karen L. Davis, 37, Elmo, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear and passing bad checks.

## Feb. 14

■ A Barnard resident reported harassment.

■ A burglary was reported at West Nodaway R-I High School. There was also property damage at the school.

■ A Burlington Junction resident reported a burglary to his farm shop.

## Feb. 15

■ Connie S. Pruitt, 43, Burlington Junction, was arrested for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Officers received a report of violation of a protection order in Ravenwood. After investigation, Daniel J. Bamuli, 38, Maryville, was arrested for violation of a full order of protection.

## OBITUARIES

## Raymond Edward Kinder

Raymond Edward Kinder, 82, Maryville, died Saturday, Feb. 19 at Heartland East Regional Hospital in St. Joseph.

He was born Feb. 6, 1918 to James David Kinder and Eva Bliss in Maryville.

He is survived by his wife, Evangeline; four daughters Ramona Thompson, Diana Beasley, Judith Ann Herd and Davida Carnahan; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 23 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery.

## Minnie A. Schmitz

Minnie A. Schmitz, 96, Maryville, died Sunday, Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Oct. 20, 1903 to Henry Wilmes and Emma Ax in Ferdinand, Ill.

She is survived by her daughter

and son-in-law, Mary and Cletus Sullivan; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 23 at St. Gregory's Church in Maryville. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery.

## Glade Riley

Glade Riley, 86, Hopkins, died Sunday, Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born July 12, 1913 to Robert Henry Riley and Dixie Lou Hanes in Parnell.

He is survived by three sons, Edward, Arthur and Lawrence; two sisters, Mary King and Mildred Loomis; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 24 at Swanson-Price Chapel in Hopkins. Burial was at Long Branch Cemetery.

## BIRTHS

## Jacob Remington Henderson

Ron and Naomi Henderson, Darlington, are the parents of Jacob Remington, born Feb. 13 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and joins one brother, Wesley, and one sister, Summer.

His grandparents are Nancy Warren, Albany, and Norman and Linda Weatherd, Darlington.

## Dustin Allen Riddle

Darrell and Catherine Riddle, Clearmont, are the parents of Dustin Allen, born Feb. 15 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

His grandparents are Ernest and Janice Fox, Richmond, VA, and Richard and Diane Riddle, Clearmont.

## Tara Lauren Hull

Steve and Sally Hull, Maryville, are the parents of Tara Lauren, born Feb. 15 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and joins two stepbrothers, Brandon and Camron, and one step-sister, Amber.

Her grandparents are Wayne and Karla Bomar, Forrest City, and Bob and LaVonne Hull, Maryville.

## Amberlea Jean Elizabeth Auffert

Tim and Jenni Auffert, Maryville, are the parents of Amberlea Jean Elizabeth, born Feb. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one sister, Rachel.

Her grandparents are Paul and Ann Hefflin, Maryville; Linda Ann Auffert, Maryville and Larry and Penny Auffert, Maryville.

## Rachael Dawn Gray

Heather and Travis Gray, are the parents of Rachael Dawn Gray, born Feb. 22 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and joins three brothers, Jordan, Nathan and Dillan and a sister, Jordy.

Her grandparents are Harold and Della Gray, Hopkins and Thelma Gladman, Mound City.

## Student found bound in burning fraternity, investigations begin

Man found bound in the basement of a Sigma Nu fraternity is beginning investigations for hazing, an illegal act.

By WILL KOENIG

DAILY EVERGREEN (WASHINGTON STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) PULLMAN, Wash. — University officials are taking reports of a fraternity member bound and trapped in the burning Sigma Nu house seriously.

About 20 minutes after firefighters arrived, they were informed someone might be in the guest room, Pullman Fire Capt. Richard Drago said.

After clearing away a couch and some chairs, firefighters found a man bound at the wrist and ankle with tape. He was cut free and escorted from the burning building unharmed.

The university administration is concerned about this, said Al Jamison, director of student

advising and learning center and career services. This act could be considered hazing, which is illegal. "We will pursue this, we will investigate this," Jamison said. "Discipline will come swift."

If the investigation finds the fraternity's behavior to be inappropriate, he said the university has the right not to sign the fraternity charter for another year. This act would "unorganize" the fraternity and effectively end its existence on campus, Jamison said.

The university could also impose other less harsh sanctions on the fraternity.

Glenn A. Johnson, spokesman for Pullman's police and fire departments, said the investigation is proceeding and police will decide in the next few days if charges will

be filed.

The national Sigma Nu fraternity is also investigating the incident, said Pat Crook, the fraternity's adviser.

"We don't know exactly everything that happened," Crook said. "They have to investigate the situation."

David Glassman, director of insurance and risk reduction for the national Sigma Nu organization, said they are working with the university to make sure all the facts are gathered and to make sure those facts are accurate.

The national organization wants to focus on getting the local fraternity members in reasonable housing and allowing them to return to their lives.

## Possible link to alcohol revealed at scene of Texas A&amp;M University Bonfire accident

By ROLANDO GARCIA

THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M U.)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Some of the Texas A&M University students in charge of building the Bonfire were drinking alcohol the night the stack collapsed, several eyewitnesses told investigators.

The statements of 157 student Bonfire workers released Monday also reveal an incident two days before the accident that may have weakened the centerpole, as well as a number of symptoms indicating an unstable structure in the minutes before the stack fell the morning of Nov. 18.

Derek Woodley, a freshman general studies major, said in his statement that he was working on a swing on third stack when he noticed a group of redpots and brownpots drinking beer on top of the fourth stack.

"They were talking and joking, and there was a little horseplay, but nothing dangerous," Woodley said. Jim Daniel, a freshman biomedical science major, said he saw an initiation ceremony in which a group of brownpots, including Jerry Self, one of the 12 victims, were drinking beer on the top of the fourth stack.

Toxicology tests following the accident indicated that Self had a blood alcohol level of 0.161 percent. Another victim, Jeremy Frampton, had a blood alcohol level of 0.316 percent.

State law says that anyone with a level higher than 0.08 percent is too intoxicated to drive.

Mark Tharp, a freshman political science major, stated he became aware alcohol was present at the stack site when a redpot threw a mixture of Gatorade and liquor on

him from a bottle the redpot was carrying.

In other statements, students said several Bonfire workers from Walton Hall were sent home that night because they were drunk.

In their statements, the student leaders in charge of Bonfire and the majority of workers said they were not aware of any drinking at the stack site the night of the accident.

However, one redpot, Stephen Unger, a junior interdisciplinary studies major, refused to give a written statement to investigators and has hired a lawyer to represent him in the matter.

According to eyewitnesses, one of the two cranes in operation at the site struck the third or fourth stack on Nov. 16, possibly damaging the centerpole, the log at the center of the stack that serves a critical structural support function.

"I was on a first-stack swing when we heard a loud crash sound, and I was knocked back on my swing," said freshman engineering technology major Vincent Kessler. "We were told that the crane hit one of the cross-ties. Everyone cussed, shook their heads, and got back to work, but everyone said that it was one of the younger guys working the crane."

Though both cranes were in operation the night the Bonfire stack collapsed, there were no reports of the cranes striking the stack immediately before the accident.

The cranes' operators are required by state law to be certified to use the cranes.

The students' statements to investigators also contain a myriad of clues and observations that foretold the impending disaster.

Jonathan Wilson, a sophomore meteorology major, said he was on the third stack about 30 minutes before the collapse when he felt the logs shaking and swaying beneath his feet.

"I told this to a junior redpot, and the response I got was that when logs are added to the first and second decks, the stack shakes a little," Wilson said.

Several students reported that one side of the stack was overloaded, and the structure, particularly the part of the centerpole visible above the fourth stack, was leaning slightly prior to the collapse.

The statements reveal conflicting observations concerning the collapse itself.

Some students reported hearing a loud cracking or popping noise, while others did not. Then, most reported seeing the ropes attached to the top of the centerpole snap, as the logs came tumbling down.

"I saw the first stack rotate and fall clockwise and the second stack rotated and fell counter-clockwise," Paul Fulham, a sophomore business administration major, said.

*"They were talking and joking, and there was a little horseplay, but nothing dangerous."*

DEREK WOODLEY  
FRESHMAN GENERAL STUDIES MAJOR

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## Who's Who Banquet

The Who's Who Banquet is scheduled for March 1 at 7 p.m. If you are a recipient and have yet to RSVP, please do so by Friday, February 25 at the Student Senate Office.

## Northwest Week

Northwest Week is scheduled for April 2 through April 7. If your organization would like to host an event, please contact Stacy Cummings at 562-1218 by Friday, March 4.

## Blood Drive

The campus-wide blood drive is scheduled for March 13-14. If you would like to donate or volunteer, sign up tables will be set up in the Union February 28 through March 3.

## Legislative Reception

Anyone interested in lobbying in Jefferson City for the University, please call Dan Ayala at 562-1218. You must be available for a training session on March 14. The legislative reception is scheduled for March 29.

## Organizational Newsletter

Organizational newsletter forms are due Wednesday, March 1 to the Student Senate Office.

## Senator of the Week

Congratulations to Kalin Mieras for being elected Senator of the Week! Your hard work and dedication to Student Senate is much appreciated.

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## FIGHTING Campaign increases knowledge for colorectal prevention

As the world said goodbye to Snoopy and his gang, it also said goodbye to his creator, Charles Schulz. Schulz died of colorectal cancer, the night before his last comic strip was published.

According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is the No. 2 cause of cancer related deaths in the United States.

The Nodaway County Crusade Against Cancer will be introducing its local campaign to reduce colorectal cancer which is coinciding with National Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

As part of the campaign, St. Francis Hospital will be giving free fecal occult blood test kits, which analyzes and reports possible detection of colorectal cancer. Missouri's first lady Jean Carnahan will be giving a kickoff speech on March 3 at 11 a.m. at the Shepherd's Center of Nodaway County.

There is a need to increase awareness in Nodaway County residents of the dangers of colorectal cancer.

"The reason for this is that colon cancer is very seldom talked about but its numbers are comparable to breast cancer," said Twila Henry, St. Francis Hospital's director of community relations.

According to the Colon Cancer Alliance, public aware-

By STACIE DOWELL  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

ness of colorectal cancer is small because it involves discussing parts of the body people find embarrassing to talk about.

The colon, which is part of the digestive system, removes nutrients from the food eaten and stores the waste until it has a chance to be passed. Colorectal cancer begins when the cell continues to grow without control in the lining of the large intestine and is able to invade other tissues.

Colorectal cancer is highly preventable and if detected early, it is highly curable. There are often no early warning signs or symptoms. Only 38 percent of colorectal cancers are detected at an early stage.

The Nodaway County Crusade Against Cancer's campaign is to increase awareness of the need to be screened at the age of 50. Also, if you have a family or personal history of cancer, especially colorectal cancer or inflammatory diseases.

Colorectal cancer is associated with a high-fat, low-fiber diet.

By adopting a healthy diet, regular exercise, increasing consumption of foods with high levels of vitamins C, A, and D, and early and yearly screenings, deaths from colorectal cancer can be reduced up to 90 percent.

## Importance of the Heart American Heart Month expands disease awareness

By ABBEY STONE  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Imagine it is a normal summer afternoon and you are hanging out with your family. Everything seems fine. Until your father begins to act strangely. He complains of a pressure in his chest, spreading to his neck, shoulders and down his arm. He becomes nauseous. He falls to the floor. He has stopped breathing. You cannot detect a pulse.

Your father is suffering from cardiac arrest, brought on by a heart attack. It becomes a race against the clock to save his life. Each day approximately 700 Americans die before reaching the hospital.

This is what happened to Northwest Theater Professor Charles Schultz. Schultz suffered a heart attack on May 14, 1997. Since that day, Schultz has been committed to changing his lifestyle and health habits.

"The most important thing to do to prevent a heart attack is to keep up with daily exercise and eat healthier," Schultz said. "I have started eating more fruits and vegetables and less red meat, like steaks and hamburgers, two of my favorites."

Another important lifestyle change that Schultz had to make is to watch his stress level. A high stress level is a risk factor for heart attack.

"I have had to learn to not stress out and to just chill out," Schultz said.

The American Heart Association is committed to educating Americans about the dangers of heart attacks, the most common cause of cardiac arrest. February has been designated American Heart Month by the Heart Association.

The American Heart Association hopes that Americans will realize the seriousness of heart attacks and cardiac ar-

rest. They believe that American Heart Month will increase awareness and help improve the nation's cardiac arrest survival rate by taking fast action when a cardiac emergency arises.

The theme for this year's American Heart Month is "Be an American Heartsaver! Know the warning signs of heart attack. Call 9-1-1. Give CPR."

The American Heart Association is advocating these three steps to help save lives:

First, know the symptoms of a heart attack and cardiac arrest. This will enable you to recognize a medical emergency when it occurs and allow you to take proper action.

Second, once you realize you have an emergency call 911 immediately to get medical help.

Last, give cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the victim. This will keep the victim alive until emergency help arrives. CPR is important because it maintains blood flow to the heart and brain until the heart can be restarted.

The American Heart Association launched a nation-wide campaign educating Americans about cardiovascular disease. Programs and activities are scheduled across the nation to remind Americans that cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death among Americans.

More than 95 percent of Americans who suffer sudden cardiac arrest die before reaching the hospital. That means almost 250,000 people die every year. The American Heart Association believes that as many as 50,000 people could be saved every year if the cardiac arrest national survival rate could be increased by just 15 percent.

We can all do our part to reduce the number of people who die every year by cardiac arrest. By knowing the warning signs of a heart attack and cardiac arrest, contacting 911 and performing CPR, thousands of lives could be saved every year.

"I have had to learn to not stress out and to just chill out."

Charles Schultz,  
theater professor

## Be a Lifesaver

The American Heart Association is dedicated to raising awareness about cardiac arrest. The first few minutes of a cardiac emergency are the most critical. These steps can help to save a life until emergency help arrives.

Graphics and information from <http://www.heartinfo.org>



Step 1

Call 9-1-1. Check the victim for unresponsiveness. If there is no response, call 911 and then return to the person.



Step 2

Tilt head, lift chin; check breathing. Position the person flat on their back. Kneel by their side and place one hand on the forehead and the other under the chin. Tilt the head back and lift the chin until teeth almost touch. Look and listen for breathing.



Step 3

Give two breaths. If not breathing normally, pinch the nose and cover the mouth with yours. Give two full breaths. The person's chest will rise if you are giving enough air.



Step 4

Check pulse. Put the fingertips of your hand on the Adam's apple, slide them into the groove next to the windpipe. Feel for a pulse. If you can not feel a pulse or are unsure, move on to the next step.



Step 5

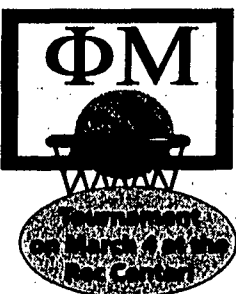
Position hands. Position your hands in the center of the chest between the nipples. Place one hand on top of the other.



Step 6

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## 'Cats continue to strive for winning ways

By BLAKE DREHLE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Even though the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for the MIAA tournament have been claimed, the battle for the No. 3 seed is still up for grabs and the Northwest men's basketball team seeks to earn it.

The Bearcats, 19-6 overall and 11-6 in the MIAA, found themselves in sole possession of third place of the conference Saturday. But for them to keep on the right pace and distance themselves further, they must defeat the first and second-place teams in the MIAA. The 'Cats played host to second-place Washburn University Wednesday night.

However, head coach Steve Tappmeyer said even with the vigorous games ahead of them, having both teams come to Bearcat Arena is a positive for his team.

"One of the neat-est things about the conference is the emotional games that you have," Tappmeyer said. "But I think one of the biggest things that we should have going for us is coming home and if there is anything our team needs right now, it is the fact that we could have a real electric crowd to support us."

With the games being the last two of the regular season games, senior forward Tyrone Brown is ecstatic to play against the best teams in the conference.

"We are really excited about the games that are coming up this week and we are looking forward to hosting two good teams that we know we can beat," Brown said. "We are so deep in the season that we don't fear anybody right now because of how strong we have played in the conference. To battle back from the adversity of a 4-5 start at the beginning of the season to 7-1 in the second half shows how dedicated this team is."

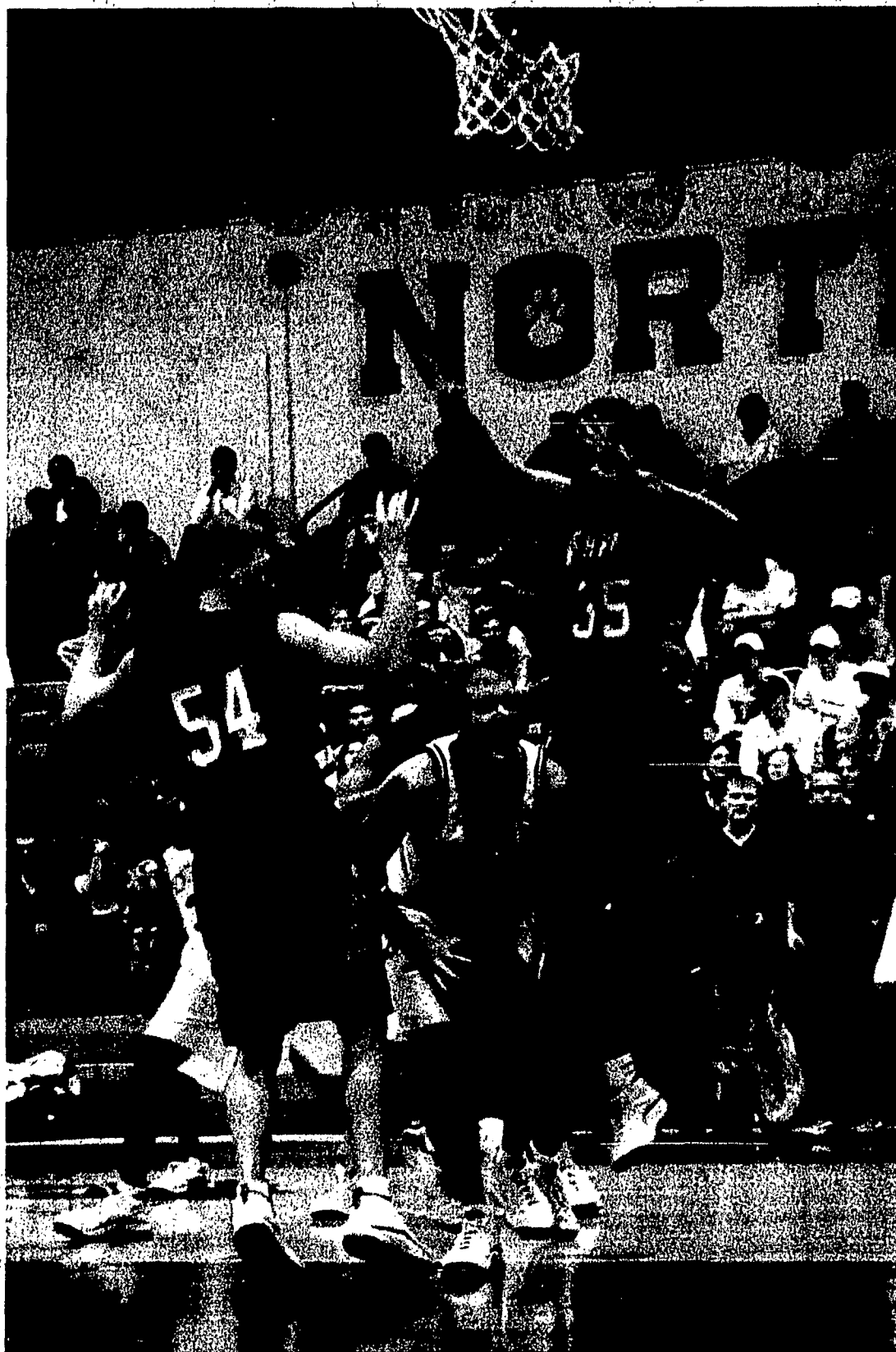
The games against Washburn and Missouri Southern State College are vital for conference standings, and the 'Cats have developed intense matchups with these teams.

"We have had some big games with these teams and these two are certainly big for us," Tappmeyer said. "The series between Northwest and Washburn has turned into a pretty good rivalry."

Missouri Southern comes into Saturday's contest ranked first in the conference and No. 5 in the Top 25, making things difficult to know how the Lions will approach the game. To get these victories would be a major lift for the 'Cats going into the conference tournament, Brown said.

"Winning both games would be huge for us because it would probably make us one of the hottest teams going into the conference tournament, but we need to take it one game at a time," Brown said.

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While being surrounded by Ichabod players, senior forward Phil Simpson looks to score two of his 13 points during the Bearcats 73-61 win at Bearcat Arena Wednesday night. Simpson also had five defensive rebounds and two steals. Next up for the 'Cats is their last regular season game against the Missouri Southern State College Lions Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Bearcats Arena.

PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

## Spoofhound grappler places at state

Senior wrestler captures fifth at state, while freshman comes close to qualifying

BY MATT SEVART  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

When senior Heath Reynolds stepped on the mat for his final match Saturday at the state tournament in Columbia, he could not help but realize this was his final match as a Spoofhound.

"It kind of hit me that it was going to be the last match that I might ever wrestle, especially in green and gold, so it kind of had some sentimental effect to it," Reynolds said. "I wanted to go out winning, it just leaves good memories and a good taste in your mouth."

Reynolds (145 lb), with advice from head coach Joe Drake, had no problem stepping things up for his final match, winning 11-4 over sophomore Carlos Torres of O'Hara High School. Along with the victory, Reynolds walked away with a fifth-place medal and a memorable experience.

"I tried to just come out and wrestle and do as well as I could," Reynolds said. "I talked with head coach Joe Drake and he said 'you made your goal, you're going to medal, it is just how bad you want to step up the ladder. There is no pressure, just wrestle your best and you can't ask for anything else.' So, I went out, relaxed and I knew what I had to do and it felt good in the end. I was kind of in awe with myself actually, it was just a great experience."

Even after a quarterfinal loss, Reynolds battled, came through the wrestle backs on top and finished his season with a 28-7 record.

"Heath kept stepping it up, and it was really nice to see him finish on a winning note," Drake said. "That's what is really important. So many kids walk out of the building after losing a match, so it is really important to try to get them in a situation where they

walk out having won a match, leaving a good feeling about what is going on down here this weekend."

Reynolds said the state tournament brought not only intensity through wrestling but also through the crowd and the experience that comes along with it.

"Well, the first match wasn't the worst thing it was the parade of champions that really got me, because you look around and all you see is flashes," Reynolds said. "I was actually more relaxed for the first match because the wrestling part is the easy part, the hype is what gets you. But, once the whistle blew and we toed the line it wasn't too bad."

Drake, although pleased with Reynolds' performance, said freshman Derek Merrill (112 lb) also had the opportunity to leave the Hearnes Center with a medal.

"My feeling that we had two people that could have medaled is still very true," Drake said. "We just didn't have a good match out of Derek (Friday) to get him into the medal round, which was pretty disappointing for himself and the rest of us. Derek only lost those two matches by a total of three points. Derek has three more years to come down here now. He has seen where he has to make some changes. I think overall he handled it well and I hope Derek's experience down here pays off next year not only for himself but for the rest of the team."

"Well, the experience is like no other. I have been down here to watch before, but it is totally different to wrestle. I came down and I didn't really expect to do as well as I did. It is just a great feeling, something I will never forget, that is for sure."

*"It kind of hit me that it was going to be the last match that I might ever wrestle, especially in green and gold, so it kind of had some sentimental effect to it."*

HEATH REYNOLDS  
MARYVILLE SENIOR WRESTLER



Maryville senior, Heath Reynolds, trips his opponent Carlos Torres, O'Hara, and takes him down. Reynolds took fifth place by beating Torres 11-4 in the 145 pound weight class.

PHOTO BY MIKE RANDELL/ CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

## Baseball season to get underway

By BLAKE DREHLE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The anticipation of beginning a new era will turn into reality this weekend for the Northwest baseball team as they play host to a three-team tournament.

The Bearcats take on the University of Minnesota State-Mankato at 10 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. The 'Cats will also play Rockhurst University at 1 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. All games will be played at Bearcat Field.

With the unusually warm weather, head coach Darin Loe said the team has been given the opportunity to foresee the things it needed to adjust in the off season.

"We have been able to get outside, which has really been a blessing for us," Loe said. "It has been a good time for us to hit some fly balls in the air and see some live pitching outside, but the most productive part of practicing in the outdoors is participating in live scrimmages to see what exactly are the weaknesses we need to work on the most."

Seeing what his team has to offer has Loe content with the way things are going.

"The hitters are more ahead than I thought they would be," Loe said. "However, I think our pitchers are not to where they were in the fall and they need to make some strides and that is the biggest things we are focusing on right now."

Players are ready to get back into competing against opposing teams so they can determine how much better they are from a year ago, senior right fielder Adam Bailey said.

"From the fall season the team has progressed immensely," Bailey said. "From the pitching to the batting to defense, everything has been improved upon in one way or the other. This is a tightly-wound team that is ready to get the season going."

With the first games of the season against two solid programs, Loe said getting some victories would be a major confidence builder, but seeing improvement would also be a plus.

"I want to see our hitters hit sound in situational hitting, execute solidly on offense and I want to see us soundly on defense," Loe said. "You have to play against the top-caliber teams to see what improvements you need to make and these two teams are two of the toughest in our region, and we're ready to find out if we are at where we want to be at or if we need to make more improvements."

Being on a team that is meshed with veterans, newcomers and a new coach, Bailey said this team is a more complete squad than last year.

"This team is definitely a stronger team with the pitching and hitting making positive strides," Bailey said. "The new guys deserve a lot of credit for the hard work they have done in getting ready for the season and it would be just if there was good crowd support this weekend."

## 'Hounds to compete in District semi-finals

By BLAKE DREHLE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The will to survive and qualify as far as their determination will take them is keeping the Maryville boy's basketball team alive in District 16 play.

The Spoofhounds, 18-7 overall and 5-2 in the Midland Empire Conference, qualified for the semifinal game 7 p.m. Thursday against the St. Joseph Benton-Park Hill South winner.

"It looks to be a great game," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "I heard a lot of positive things about Park Hill and those who have followed the conference knows how good Benton is."

Park Hill South High School is playing host the districts and is a place the No. 1 seeded 'Hounds were not familiar with going into their first round victory against Tarkio-Academy, 60-26.

"Getting used to playing at Park Hill's gym against Tarkio was a great advantage for us because of the different scenery it offers," Kuwitzky said. "This is a bigger place than we are used to playing at with all the bright lights and the purple."

The 'Hounds once again flexed their muscle against the Generals, jumping out to a 28-14 lead at halftime and controlling the tempo of the game.

However, Kuwitzky expected to see a stronger start for his team and wanted it to execute better on both sides of the floor.

"The first half was a little sluggish," he said. "We were not on a real high level at the beginning of the game, and I thought we could have played better defensively and moved the ball better to hit some big shots."

One part of the game that was solidified was at the free-throw line when the 'Hounds hit 12-of-13 free throws.

Junior forward Eric Goudge and senior guard Zane Schulte were the leading scorers for Maryville with 14 points. Junior postman Zach Morley was second on the team with 13 points.

## Swimming to State



PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/ ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Mave Goad, 6 years-old, practices at the Foster Aquatic Center Monday afternoon. Goad is the youngest member of the Northwest Polar Bear Swim Team. There are 29 participants on the swim team. The members range in age from six to 17. This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 12 of the swimmers will be competing at the Division II Junior Olympic Championship in Independence.



## Tracksters prepare for MIAA Championships

By JUSTIN BUSH  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest men's and women's track teams have had steady improvement over the past several weeks and look toward strong performances as they head into the conference championships Friday afternoon at Central Missouri State University.

"At the conference meet all we can really ask for them to give their best," men's head coach Richard Alsup said. "If they finish fifth, but everyone gives their full effort then that is all that you can ask."

Sprinting and hurdles coach Eric Wentzel said he told the athletes they must concentrate on each of their events.

"Since conference is a two-day meet you can't win it all on Friday," Wentzel said. "The sprinting events are unlike the long distance runs and field events. In the sprints and hurdles you have to go through prelims, semi-finals and finals. I'm just telling them to take it all one race at a time."

The 'Cats continued to improve at the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference Invitational meet on Friday and Saturday.

"We had a lot of people that set personal records in their events," Alsup said. "We had more people that performed well enough to reach provisional qualifying marks for nationals."

The 'Cats were strong once again in the pole vault. Junior Tom Leslie jumped a personal best and qualified for nationals, clearing a height of 16 feet 1 inch. Freshman Jenny Simmons improved on her own school record soaring over 10 feet 7 inches.

Freshman Jeremy Sitherwood ran a time of 50:62 seconds in the 400-meter dash and 22:80 seconds in the 200, earning him a fourth-place finish in both.

Sophomores April House and Ronda Cheers also qualified for nationals in their prospective events.

House's time of 8:05 in the 55-meter high hurdles was good enough for a fifth-place finish. Cheers finished the 800 with a time of 2:18.95 earning her a first-place finish.

"I was really excited with the performances and all the personal records that the athletes achieved," women's head coach Vicki Wooten said. "They're staying competitive and getting more fit. As a coach, this is the time of year that you want your athletes to peak."

## Griffons' leading scorer removed from men's team

By BLAKE DREHLE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Due to disciplinary reasons, MIAA basketball's leading scorer, Missouri Western State College senior forward Randy Dickerson has been removed from the team.

According to team reports, Dickerson did not do things that were agreeable with coaches. But the incident that set up his release before last Wednesday's game against the University of Missouri-Rolla when Dickerson did not show up until 15 minutes before the game after oversleeping.

"It was all basketball related, but it is something I don't care to go in detail about," Griffons head coach Tom Smith said.

Dickerson, who was also sixth in the nation in scoring with 22 points per game, played a vital role in the Griffons' attack this year, but problems between him and Smith apparently had taken place the whole season.

In its first game without Dickerson, Missouri Western, 19-7 overall and 9-7 in the MIAA, lost a 100-85 decision to Washburn University, but Smith said there is no need for panic.

"You are not going to win when you give up 100 points and whether or not we would have had Randy playing doesn't mean that there would have been a better difference," Smith said.

Dickerson is a native of Washington D.C. and is a transfer from Trinity Valley (Texas) Junior College. He is seventh on the Griffons' all-time scoring list with 1,164 points.

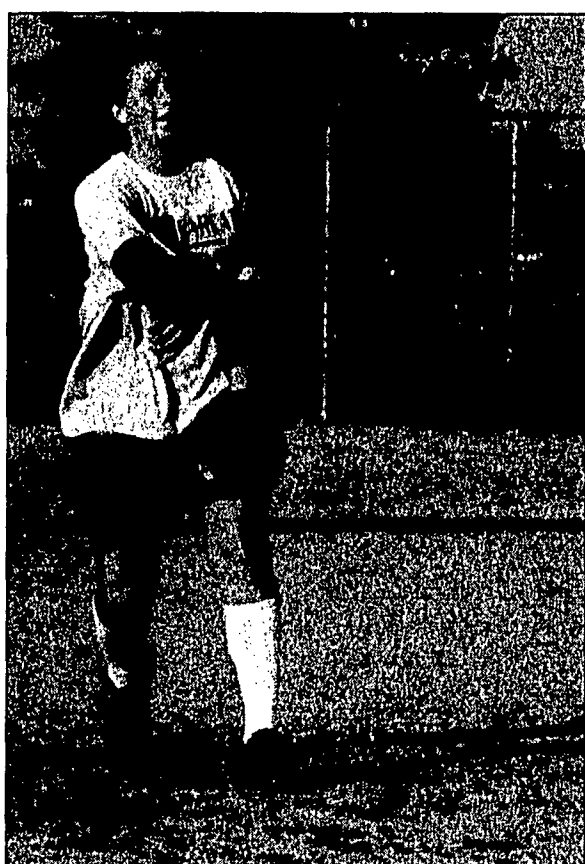


PHOTO BY SEAN CLARK/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior pitcher Erin Pleggenkuhle practices Monday afternoon at the Bearcat Softball Field. The Bearcat softball team plays at the University of Central Arkansas Friday.

## Softball ready for second tournament

Spring Clash provides opportunity to face various new opponents

By BLAKE DREHLE  
SPORTS EDITOR

From the frigid climates of Colorado to the warm atmosphere of Arkansas, the Northwest softball team is ready to prove that it can win in any type of weather adversity.

The Bearcats, 3-2 overall, will compete for the first time at the University of Central Arkansas Spring Clash in a four-pool field tournament of 16 teams this weekend. The first game is set for 9 a.m. Friday against the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

"We're in a tough bracket and it is a bracket where we need to finish in the top two to advance to Saturday," head coach Pam Knox said.

Having the opportunity to play in two straight tournaments is something that is exciting to the Bearcats because of the different types of competition they will face, senior leftfielder Kendra Smith said.

"When competing in back-to-back tournaments you see a lot more action against teams that have good programs," Smith said. "You get a strong feeling that you have accomplished more having to prepare yourself against different types of teams."

Going into the Spring Clash, Knox said playing against competitive teams will enable the 'Cats to cor-

rect parts of its game that hampered them in the University of Southern Colorado Tournament.

"We need to be more aggressive with batting in this tournament because we had a lot of hits in the Southern Colorado tournament, but we left a lot of those runners on base," Knox said. "It is something we have worked on during practice and it is something we will need to continue to improve."

One of the advantages to playing in the Spring Clash is being in warmer weather than the 'Cats have played in so far this season Smith said.

"If we can play as well as we did in Colorado, things will be real positive for us," Smith said. "With battling both the climate conditions as well as tough teams was something tremendous for us because we are a warm weather team that likes to play in shorts."

After having a game against Park College canceled Saturday because of the weather, Knox said the rest may have been better for the team.

"We are comfortable going into this tournament even with cancellation against Park because we needed to recuperate from Colorado and have some time to mentally prepare ourselves for this weekend," Knox said. "And with the time off I am going to hit them with three days of hard practices to get things stressed on what we need to do."

KENDRA SMITH  
BEARCAT LEFTFIELDER

*"You get a strong feeling that you have accomplished more having to prepare yourself against different types of teams."*

## 'Hounds season ends with first round District 16 loss

Benton stands strong in defeating Maryville girls basketball

By MATT SEVART  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The season came to a quick halt for the Maryville High School girls basketball team Monday in District 16 play.

After a losing to Savannah on Thursday, the 'Hounds suffered a 45-17 loss to Benton High School in districts and it was not the way head coach Randy Cook wanted to see the season end.

"I thought a few people wanted it and tried to do what they could," Cook said. "But too many weren't concerned about the game and they had practiced like that the last few days also."

A win against Benton would have given the 'Hounds another shot at Savannah, but Cook said he thought Benton wanted it more.

"I think most of the Benton players wanted to play Savannah, and I think we had a lot of players who wanted to see the season over," Cook said.

The 'Hounds finished their season off with a 13-13 record, which sophomore guard Haily Lawyer said was not satisfactory.

"I think our record could have been a lot better, if we would have done little things here and there," Lawyer said. "We were a pretty young team this year, and getting this experience under our belt really helped, and it will pay off in the long run."

Sophomore Erin Lohafer said the team fell apart against Benton.

"I don't know exactly what happened, but we weren't mentally prepared," Lohafer said. "We worked on everything in practices and things were going well, and we went out there for our game, and we just made stupid mistakes, and everything went wrong."

Cook said the team has a lot of things that need to be accomplished in the offseason.

"Basically we are going to have to do a lot of work this summer to get this program where I want it to be," Cook said.

Senior forward Jennifer Easton said Cook led the team on the right path.

"I think he has really set the tone for what Maryville basketball is going to be," Easton said. "He has set new standards for the team and they are only losing two seniors for next season."



PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR  
Maryville freshman Cauleen Bradley looks to shoot as Savannah senior Shannon Overbey tries to block. Bradley is the only freshman cager on the Spoofhound varsity roster this season.

## Final week of MIAA play approaches, women hope to win

By JUSTIN MCALEER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With just one game remaining, the seniors on the Northwest women's basketball team are looking at the lessons learned and the end of their careers.

The 'Cats, 4-20 overall and 0-16 in the MIAA, were still looking for their first conference win when they played Washburn University Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena.

The 'Cats only have one more chance to capture a victory. Northwest takes on Missouri Southern State College at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

"We are just hoping to finish positively," senior center Denise Sump said. "I just want to go out on a good note."

Struggling through a season that has included a 17-game losing streak can be difficult to handle, but Sump said that it has been a great experience.

"Even though we haven't had as many wins as we would like, it has been a positive experience," Sump said. "We have had to overcome a lot and comeback every night."

It can be frustrating for someone like senior forward Brandi Grigsby-Shannon, who had only lost 10 games since she was in the third grade, to come in and lose a majority of the time at Northwest.

"It has taught me to find it in myself to play the game and enjoy playing everyday," Grigsby-Shannon said. "It has taught me to battle back and fight to be a winner; I used to take it for granted."

Having an atmosphere like Northwest has been an encouragement Grigsby-Shannon said.

"It has been a good environment to play in," she said.

As the 'Cats look at the end of their careers on Saturday, the seniors are looking at the last time they will step on the court.

"I love this game so much," Grigsby-Shannon said. "It's odd to think I'll never play another game."

*"It's odd to think I'll never play another game."*

BRANDI GRIGSBY-SHANNON  
BEARCAT SENIOR

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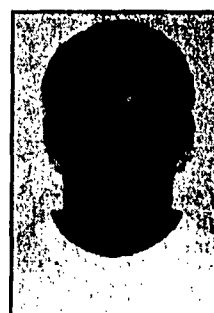


Tyrone Brown

**Bearcat senior forward**

**Leads Northwest in scoring with 18 points per game and No. 2 in the MIAA. Has reached the 20-point mark in six of his last seven games.**

**Spoofhound senior grappler**  
**Compiled a 28-7 record during his last year at Maryville. Was the highest finisher for the 'Hounds at the 145 lb. division, placing fifth.**



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# Sweet Emotions

I had a friend win a wrestling state championship by a single point. I had a friend lose a wrestling state championship by a single point.

Each worked equally hard to reach a pinnacle during their respective senior seasons. Given that, how can two boys who are so much alike have such different destinies?

That is what sports are about — a thin line between winning and losing. Sure it is cliché, but never more true than in the sport of high school wrestling.

The annual state tournament in Columbia is comprised of the best wrestlers in the state. Each wrestler finished fourth or higher in his respective sectional tournament to get a shot at a state championship. On the last day of the tournament before the finals in each class, each wrestler shakes hands with his opponent. Then an announcer comes over the public address system and says, "Ladies and gentlemen, these are your 84 best wrestlers in the state."

Being a photographer, I had to find an angle to cover the event. In the two days prior I had seen and heard stories of wrestlers that could not take the pressure of trying to win the tournament. They would break down in one way or another. I also heard stories of triumph in the face of adversity.

As the finals approached I thought what better way to capture the essence of wrestling emotion.

I saw emotion every where I looked, from the audience to coaches to the wrestlers themselves.

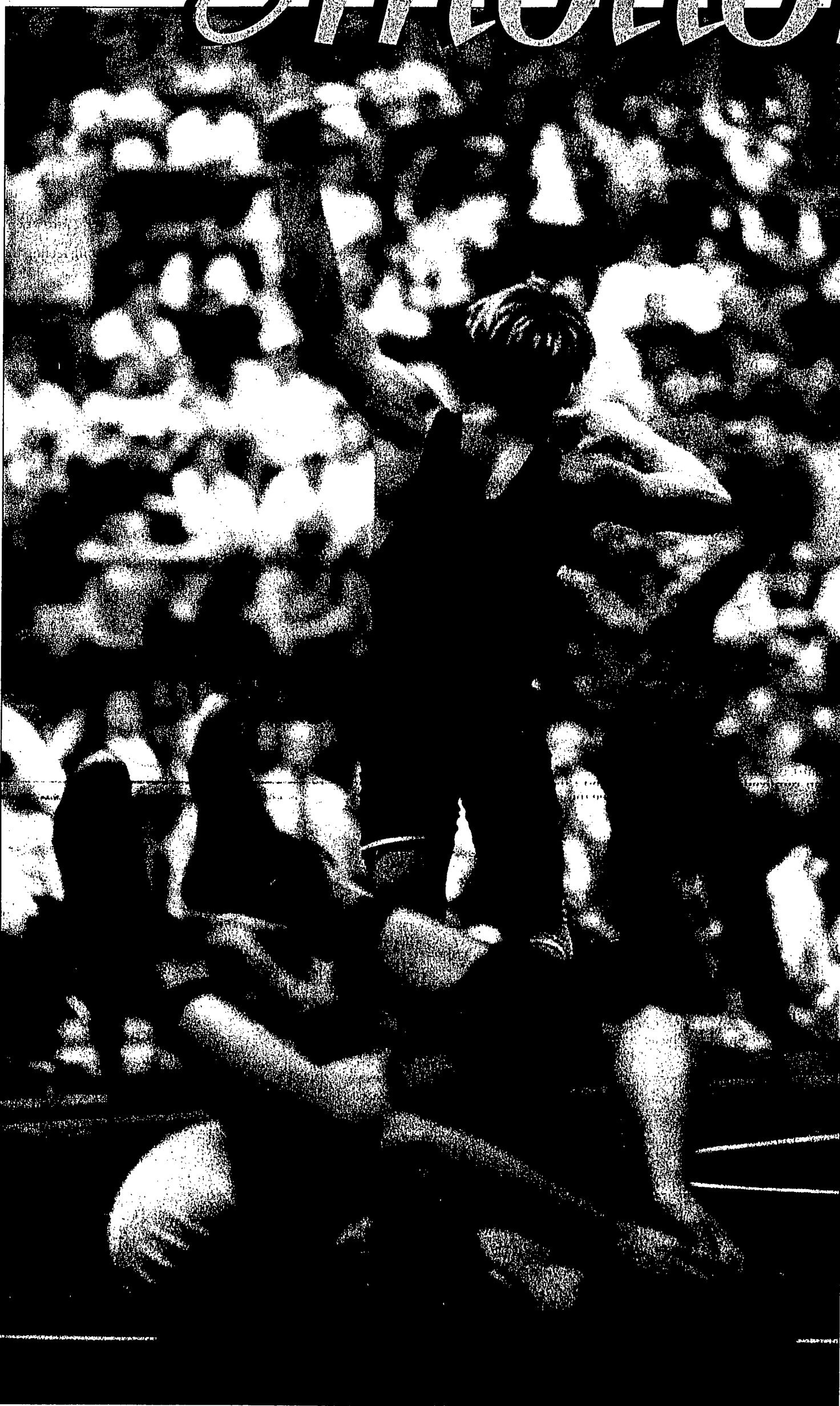
I heard an appalling story from a fellow photographer who witnessed one match. During that match, a wrestler's coach got so furious at the way he was wrestling he left his chair mat side and walked out. The coach came back to find the wrestler in the corner of the stadium sobbing. Instead of consoling or teaching, the coach began to fire hateful, derogatory words at his student. He finally grabbed him by the arm and dragged him up the stairs.

I will admit I do not know all the facts that led up to such an ugly event, but it shows how seriously winning is taken at the state tournament.

Another story I watched take place with my own eyes was Blue Springs senior Tyler Hubbard, a two-time class 4A state champion. The grappler hurt his knee at the end of his second round match, but went on to win. Doctors examined his leg and told him his anterior cruciate ligament was torn. Any sports fan knows from watching the NFL this year, when you tear an ACL, your season is over.

Hubbard and his parents decided to sign release forms, which enabled him to continue wrestling. They gambled he would not further injure his knee. The gamble paid off; he is a three-time state champion.

The high of winning sometimes comes at costs of damaging our self-esteem mentally or our bodies physically, but winning isn't everything. Right?



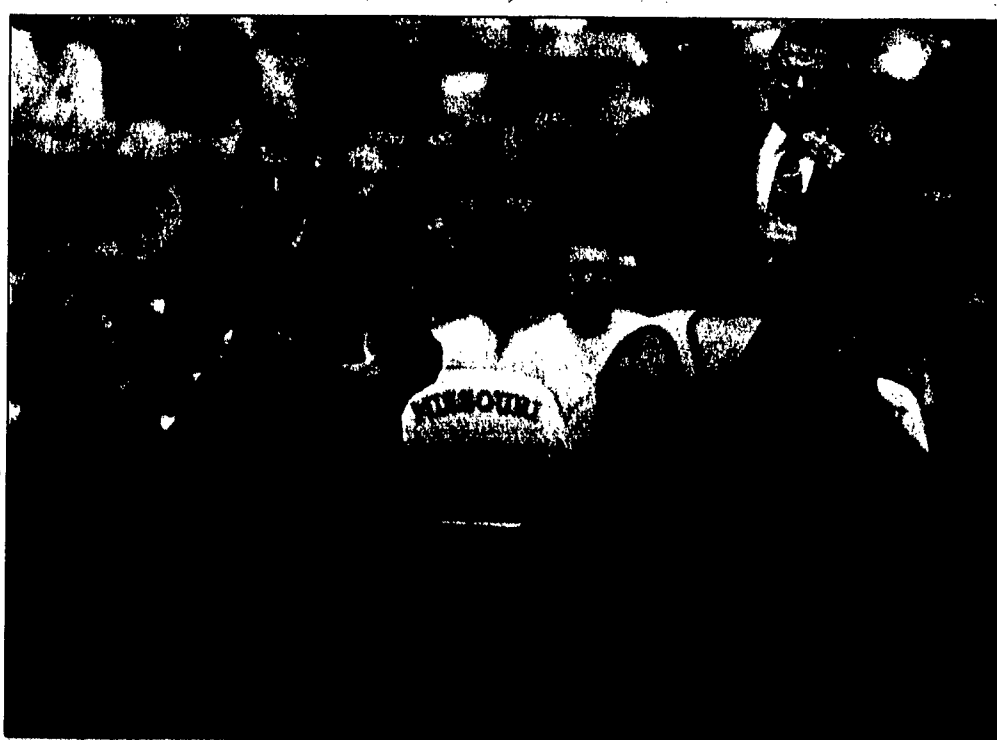
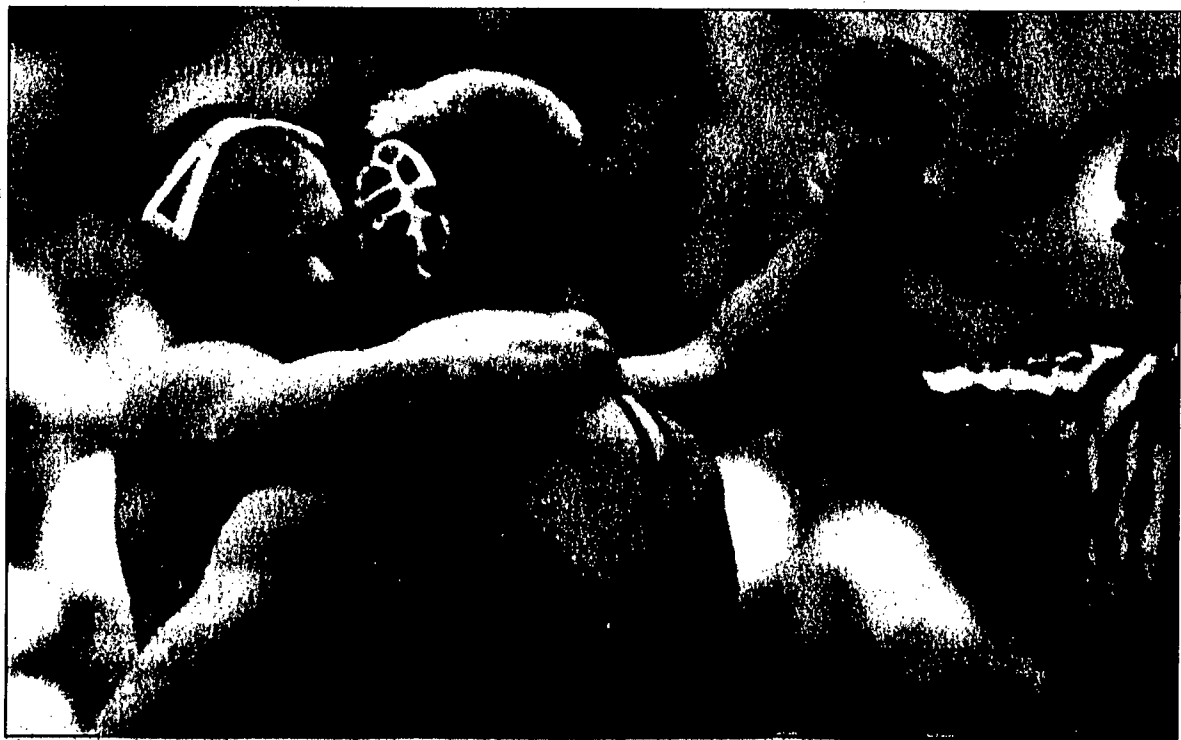
Gary Bridges, St. Charles West, raises his hand in victory as his opponent Dustin Wiles, Farmington, covers his face in defeat. Bridges won the 160 pound 3A championship, 2-1, in an overtime decision.

Head coach Aaron Vitt and assistant coach Doug Helmann guide Alex Clemson frantically at the end of his championship match. Clemson won the match by two points.



Hannibal head coach, Ryan Sharkley leaps high in the air and assistant coach Kevin Fowler yells aloud as they greet their new state champion at 103 pounds, Mark Dickman.

Alex Clemson, Moberly, breaks down after winning by decision over Sean Lamberson of Mexico, 4-2.





## Stroller outlines midterm study ritual

With midterms upon us, I felt it was my duty to show everyone how a typical college student prepares for the midway-point exams. What you will find in the following paragraphs is my personal timeline of intellectual preparation.

■ 9 a.m. class, Feb. 8. Midterms are announced. I write the word "midterm" in my planner on the date of exam, Feb. 24.

No other preparation until Feb. 23. I am reminded by a classmate that final exams are indeed taking place, and the one tomorrow will cover the entire first half of the semester.

I get out of class at 3:15 p.m. I decide to head to the Rec Center and run around in a giant circle for a while. With spring break coming up, I've got to get rid of that roll of fat that clashes with my Speedos. I arrive in my room, take a shower, eat dinner and promptly fall asleep for awhile because I am tired and full.

■ 9 p.m. Still groggy from the nap, I decide to checkout the tube and see if there is anything on that tickles my fancy. I find a movie just starting that I have seen a total of 10 times since 1984. I decide to study during



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commercial, but never actually get up and get the material.

■ 11:30 p.m. All right. Time to study. It does not take long to realize that I am missing notes from several different days. I spend the next few minutes trying to think of the last name of the girl that sits across from me so I can look her up in the student directory. Confident that her name begins with a Ru, I log on to the Internet to find her phone number.

■ 12:30 a.m. While I am on the Internet, I might as well check my mail. Twenty-three new messages, which are mostly "funny" forwards from my parents. I decide to read

each and every one. I only reply to close personal friends, because I have a lot of studying to get done.

■ 2 a.m. This is when I remember that I have to call Miss Ru. I find her name in the directory, but she seems really perturbed that I called. She refuses to come to my room and give me her notes, so I decide to just wing it with what I have.

■ 2:30 a.m. Caffeine. Need caffeine. Maybe I should eat some sugar. The words start blurring together, so I hold my eyes open with my fingers.

■ 5:30 a.m. I wake up face first in my book, and the pages are soggy from my drool. I turn out the light and dive into bed.

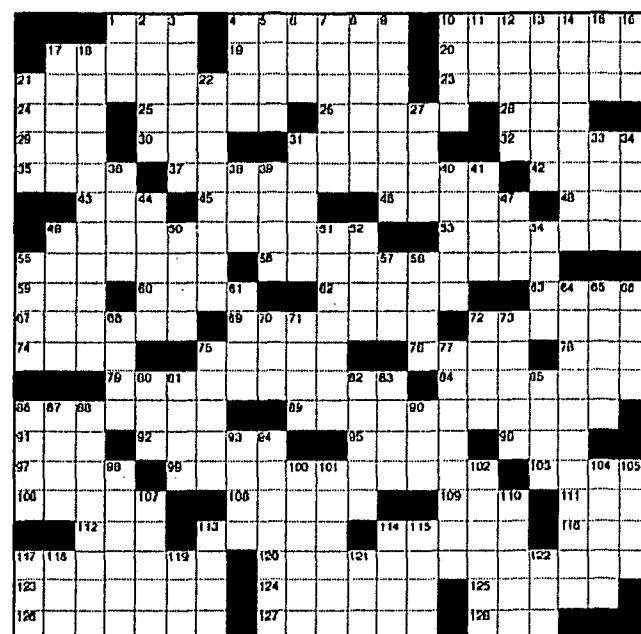
■ 8:15 a.m. I wake up despite forgetting to set my alarm. I try to memorize notes while brushing my teeth and walking to class.

■ 9 a.m. Judgment day. I am pretty sure the professor never covered this question in lecture. I am going to complain when this is over. Wish me luck.

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### ACROSS

1. "\_\_\_ understand it ..."
4. Plaster-repair stuff
10. Abominated
17. Eye, for one
19. Brian of Juarez
20. Namath's alma mater
21. Abeldard's thing
23. Compact oceangoer
24. Greek letter
25. Alamogordo event
26. Artoo Detoo's comments
28. Exaggerator's ending
29. Velvet ending
30. Comeuppance
31. Growing Pains costar Joanna
32. Feudal groundskeepers
35. Downturn
37. Ship-stability need
42. Post-Christmas event
43. Little, in Lille
45. Chowderhead
46. Pigs' digs
48. Com preceder
49. Town near Hartford
53. It's written in stone
55. Leveling-off point
56. Stretch
59. Possesses
60. Actress Lee
62. Al \_\_\_ (firm)
63. It borders Sask.
67. Prince, for one
69. Casualwear
72. "If you would ..."
74. Alejandro and Fernando
75. Early computer
76. Head woe
78. Key job on a set: abbr.
79. Destroyer of sacred cows
84. Entertains
86. Type of tea, \_\_\_ souchong
89. Detonator
91. Kobe belt
92. Daytime host
95. Snuffy Smith sheriff
96. Nodder's word



97. Grain tower
99. Classic cinema
103. Hold it
106. Comical Arnold
108. Resort on the Moray Firth
109. Covert org.
111. Waste watchers?: abbr.
112. Patty's grabbers
113. She worked with Asta
114. Master
116. Lvnch time
117. 1970 Beatles tune
120. Rainy-day convenience
123. Street crossers?
124. Actress Kazan
125. Mother \_\_\_
126. Some Family Feud players
127. Cover totally
128. \_\_\_ result

### DOWN

1. In the past
2. Caesar, for one
3. Three men's setting
4. Threshold items

5. Two-word rave
6. Shot clock abbr.
7. Biblical dozen
8. What ^ means
9. Glue relatives
10. Verneil players
11. Clockmaker Terry
12. Washer-agitator features
13. Florida birds
14. Fellini classic
15. Down Under critter
16. Small amount
17. Earth tone
18. Nose job
21. Approached 80
22. Look into
27. School exam letters
31. Afghanistan's capital
33. Dud
34. Eve's third son
36. Fertilizer source
38. Larry (Talbot) portrayer
39. Ring location?
40. Caroline, to Teddy
41. Military cap
44. PC people
47. Order to Rover
49. Outfielder's alibi
50. Hardly lax

51. Extreme
52. Belgian river
54. Sharon's ex-costar
55. With 117 Down, an Australian racehorse (and the subject of a 1983 film)
57. Demolition need
58. "\_\_\_ long story"
61. Chemistry figure:abbr.
64. Setting of a 1992 Oliver Stone film
65. \_\_\_ in the right direction
66. St. Bernard burdens
68. Osiris' wife
70. As written
71. Film producer Wallis
72. Half of a controversial diet drug
73. Like a Rocketeer
75. Georgia of The Mary Tyler Moore Show
77. Really, really important
80. Pres. nickname
81. High rating
82. Fine fabric
83. Autocrat
85. Dogfight participants
86. Investment setback
87. Somewhat
88. Columnlike projection
90. McCourt book
93. Like Jonathan Winters
94. Generally
98. Surfing the net
100. Oz visitor
101. Middle East language
102. Vision of a sort
104. State
105. Compensated
107. Town near Colon
110. Williams of Happy Days
113. Gls eat it
114. Isle keepsakes
115. Wartime Robert
117. See 55 Down
118. Stowe girl
119. Stake
121. Cell stuff
122. Dracula director Browning

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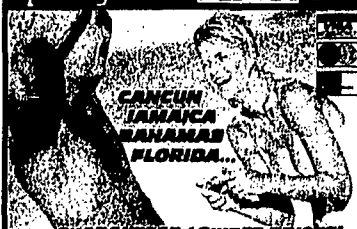
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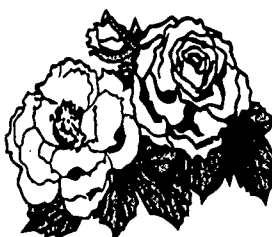
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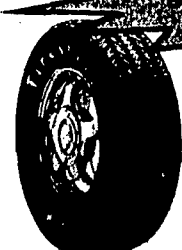
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